



Friday 23rd February 2024

Our vision is 'Let your light shine'. The rainbow symbolises God's unconditional love for each individual. We seek to reflect that light in all we do: in our community, both local and wider, in our communication, both word and action, with curiosity and courage, and with care and compassion for everyone, inspiring a love of learning.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break and are looking forward to another exciting term ahead. Despite the rain, signs of spring are beginning to emerge. Spring brings a season of growth and learning to our school community. As nature awakens, so do our pupils' curiosity and potential. With spring time comes a renewed sense of focus, a renewed joy, and the promise of sunshine and laughter. Everyone seems to smile a bit more, and steps are lighter as we round out the next few months together.



It was wonderful to see so many children across the school dressed in their Girlguiding and Scouting uniforms this week. They were celebrating the birthdays of the founders, Lady Olave Baden Powell, and her husband, Sir Robert Baden Powell, on World Thinking Day and Founders Day.

I hope you found the opportunity to discuss your child's achievements and progress at the Parents' Evenings this week useful. We recognise the importance of working in partnership with parents/carers. If you were unable to attend on Parents' Evening, please do contact the school office or your child's class teacher to arrange another appointment.

We are delighted to invite parents and carers to a **KS2 Reading Information Session on Tuesday 5th March 2024**. This will be for parents and carers of children in Years 3 to Year 6. The afternoon will begin at **2.00pm in the school hall**, where information will be shared about how we teach reading in KS2. You will then have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom to see a 'Book Talk' session being taught before the end of the school day. You should have received information about this via ParentMail earlier this week.

Thank you for your continued support – have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby

Headteacher

Chess News from Mr McClellan

On Sunday 11th February the Northants Schools Chess Association County Championships took place at Stowe School. Stan and Arbie, Year Four pupils in the school chess club, entered the competition, supported by their parents and Mr and Mrs McClellan.

Both children behaved admirably throughout the day and played games against opponents of a similar level of skill from across the region; a tremendous learning experience for them both.

An unexpected bonus of the event was that Stowe School provided refreshments, free of charge, to the children taking part as well as their relatives and friends! This helped to make the tournament a thoroughly enjoyable day for all involved.

There will be a similar competition later this year, which I hope more children from the Chess Club will enter.

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Parent Contact Information

Please can you make sure that the personal contact details we hold for you are kept up-to-date. If you have had any recent changes to your address or telephone number, please contact the school office to ensure they are updated on the school system.

Child of the Week

All our children seek to 'Let their light shine' as they reflect our Christian values in their daily life. Many congratulations to the following children this week who have shone particularly brightly and been awarded 'Child of the Week':

Reception: Eleanor & Ava
Year 1: Amelia & Freya
Year 2: Ely & Lena
Year 3: Fletcher & Ethan
Year 4: Miles & Arbie
Year 5: Eddy & Alexei
Year 6: Sitara & Ava-Grace



Attendance

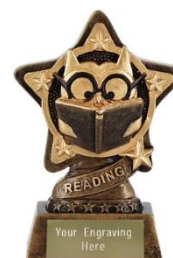
Well done to 2AA who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 98.15%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 94.98%.

It is very important that all children arrive on time. Classroom doors open between 8:40am and 8:50am. It can be unsettling for children who are regularly late and missing valuable lesson time. Children that do arrive late to school need to enter through the main entrance. It is very important for safety reasons that you accompany them and report to the school office. Registers are closed at 9:00am and a late book entry must be completed for every late child after this time.

Accelerated Readers

The following classes have been awarded the Reading Trophies this week for completing the most Accelerated Reader Quizzes:

2AA
3AP
4KF
5FG
6KEP



FOWS - Mothering Sunday 'Someone Special' Gift Sale



Once again we will be holding our Mothering Sunday 'Someone Special' gift sale, which has always been a very popular event. The sale will be held on **Friday 8th March 2024** during the school day.

Each child will have the opportunity to buy a surprise gift for someone special to them. All gifts will be **£3** each and come wrapped with a personalised gift tag written by your child.

We will also try to ensure that siblings do not buy the same gifts!

To purchase your gift(s) please follow the link below. Please remember to state each child's full name and class when ordering online.

www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsowinslowschool

Closing date for buying gifts online will be: **Monday 4th March 2024**. Cash can be accepted on the day but this will be subject to gift availability.

Thank you for your continued support.

Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child please contact Mrs Samantha Dimbleby, Mrs Katie Epps or Miss Allen via the School Office on 01296 712296 or alternatively if out of school hours, weekends or holidays visit <http://www.bucks-lscb.org.uk/concerned-about-child/> to report your concerns.

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Mrs Katie Epps Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Miss Daisy Allen Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Child Protection Governor Mr David Shaw	

What can we do even better as a school?

If you have any comments or suggestions, please do get in contact with Mrs Dimbleby via the school office, or better still, come and chat to her at the start or the end of the day on the playground.



Diary Dates

Please find below our spring term calendar of events for your immediate attention. This will be published on our school website and updated as appropriate over the coming weeks.

Date	Event	Year Group
Tuesday 5 th March (2:00pm)	KS2 Reading Information Session	Year Three – Year Six
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	Whole School
Friday 8 th March	FOWS Mother's Day Gifts Sale	Whole School
wc 11 th March	Science Week	Whole School
Wednesday 13 th March	Group Photographs	Reception and Year Six
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day – non-uniform fundraising day	Whole School
Tuesday 19 th March – Thursday 21 st March	Woodrow Residential	Year Four
Tuesday 19 th March	Stay and Read Session	Reception, Year One and Year Two
wc 25 th March	Bikeability	Year Three
Tuesday 26 th March	Trip to Science Oxford	Year One and Year Two
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term	Whole School
Easter HOLIDAY Children return on Monday 15 th April 2024		

This Term's Value is:

Honesty

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God"

Matthew 5:8

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