

NOTICES

PARENT NOTICES

Week Beginning 19th March

Our Value This Term is 'Forgiveness'

ALL WEEK

08:25-08:50 Year 6 SATS Booster Sessions

MONDAY

10:15 Collective Worship with Mrs Johnson
 AM Year 5 Sport at St Mary's – please remember PE Kits (*no swimming*)
 13:30 Year 4 Road Safety Talk
 15:30 Year 5/6 Netball League AWAY Match vs SAVS

TUESDAY

08:20-08:50 Year 6 Reading Club with Mrs Johnson
 09:00 Collective Worship - KS1
 12:15-13:00 Rock&Pop Guitar/Drum Lessons with Travis DuPlooy
 12:45-13:15 Cheerleading Club
 PM Pobble Workshop - KS2
 13:10-13:40 Maestros Brass Lessons with Mark Lowe

Mid Term Reports to Parents

WEDNESDAY

AM Maestros Piano Lessons with Philip Dimitrovski
 12:30 School Council Meeting - in Year 1 Classroom

THURSDAY

AM Maestros Violin Lessons with Jan Jackman
 09:00 Collective Worship – Hymns
 Mini Vinnies Meeting
 12:15-13:15 School Choir KS1/KS2
 15:30-17:00 In2Sport Ascot Cluster Year 5/6 Football Tournament @ St Peter's 15:30-17:30

FRIDAY

09:00 **Class 1 and 2 Space Day**
 Collective Worship

Looking ahead

Mon 26/03	Phonics Course Year 1/2 Winchester Science Museum Trip
Tues 27/03	Parent /Teacher Consultations 15:30-18:30
Weds 28/03	InterHouse Competition – Year 5/6 Netball PM Parent /Teacher Consultations 17:00-20:00
Thurs 29/03	Easter Reflection / Term ends 13:30 Possible rescheduled Cookery Club 13:30-14:30

STAFF UPDATE I am sorry to announce that we will be saying goodbye to two members of staff at the end of this term. Mrs Stratton, who currently works in Year 4, is leaving to pursue a career in secondary education, teaching History in a local school. Mrs Stratton has been with us for a short time but has been a pleasure to work with and we wish her well as she steers a slightly different course, one that strikes fear into the heart of most primary teachers – BIG children!

We are however very pleased to be welcoming Mrs Geoghegan-Smith back to teach in Year 4, following her maternity leave.

We are also saying farewell to someone who has been a part of our school for a very long time, Mrs Clements. Over the years, she has worked as a Teaching Assistant in pretty much every year group at one time or another. Mrs Clements has supported a large number of individual children who are grateful for her unswerving devotion to their progress, achievement and happiness. She does everything with a smile and will be missed enormously by all members of our school community, but family commitments and events have meant that she needs to take some time to look after herself and those closest to her. We hope that it is not goodbye but rather "see you soon" as she has promised to be a frequent visitor.

If you wish to contribute to a card/collection for Mrs Stratton or Mrs Clements please ask at the school office.



FOSF BAGS2SCHOOL Thank you for your donation to the Bags2School collection last Wednesday. This has raised £215.60 towards school funds. This is a great recycling initiative and we really appreciate your support with this.



REMINDER Last minute Racecourse Art Competition entries must be back to school on Monday 19th March and Science Competition posters should be back in on Thursday 22nd March.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB UPDATE You have all been sent a letter and timetable for summer term After School Clubs. Payment items will be available from next Tuesday 20th March on Parentmail to sign up for these. Unfortunately, Sewing Club is not now going to be running this coming term. We hope to be able to offer this again in September.



PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS If you wish to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher, please do this through ParentMail. Ten minute appointments are available on Tuesday 27th March between 3.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. and Wednesday 28th March between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. You are welcome to have a look at your child's books and other work in their classroom before or after your appointment. These meetings are designed to provide a brief overview on your child's progress. If you feel you need a longer time to talk to your teacher, please speak to them, or ask at the school office, to arrange a meeting at another time.

LENTEN CHARITES As you are hopefully aware Mrs Johnson has set each class a task to raise money for our Lenten charities, locally the Alexander House Children's Hospice and Bamenda, the Diocesan African Schools charity. She has given each class £10 with the aim to see how creatively they can grow this into a larger donation for these charities by the end of Lent. There have been some very innovative ideas;

Reception are growing Sweet Peas from seeds and hope to have some plants to sell. They are also planning to sell decorated biscuits.

Class 1 have made lovely Mothers' Day gifts and cards

Class 2 are holding a raffle which will be drawn at Collective Worship on Monday

Class 3 are running an Easter egg raffle

Class 4 have had a table top sale in class and are adding a number of crafts projects to this next week

Class 5 are making Ancient Greek clay masks and are planning a silent auction

Class 6 are making pop-up Easter cards with electric circuits



UNIVERSITY COURSES We are running our extra-curricular 'university' courses again next term. The first half of the Summer term will be for Years 1, 2 and 3. The children will be given a mini prospectus of the courses on offer and will apply to book a place. Aimed at giving the children a taste of something they may not have experienced before, we have an interesting variety on offer with arts and crafts, sports, music, cookery, film animation and a pet club. We would ideally like to add one more class, possibly Lego Design & Build or Fossil Hunting. We are in need of extra adult help, so if any parents would be available to run this, or have an idea for a different course they would like to do, please speak to the school office. The courses will run for 5 consecutive Friday afternoon sessions culminating in a graduation ceremony and exhibition of work on the 6th week.

SCARLET FEVER Please be aware that another case of Scarlet Fever has been reported to school. We were aware of another case a couple of weeks ago and there are reports of an increase of cases around the local area recently, particularly in the Bracknell/Wokingham/Reading area. Please can you encourage your child to be particular about general cleanliness, particularly hand washing. Early signs include a sore throat, a headache, a high temperature, swollen glands in the neck and being sick. This may be followed by a rash on the body, which is made up of pink-red blotches and usually starts on the chest or stomach, a red face and a white or red tongue. If you are concerned, please consult your GP who may prescribe antibiotics to help speed recovery. Although not usually serious, it is highly infectious and your child should not come to school until clear of infection.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>



PUPIL RESILIENCE & RESPONSIBILITY As we move in the Summer term, we would appreciate your support in encouraging your child to develop their self-confidence and independence by taking responsibility for themselves and their personal belongings when coming into school. Year 1 and 2 children should be dropped off with the staff member on duty at the KS1 door. KS2 children can be dropped off at either the main gate or the KS2 playground gate where there should also be a staff member on duty between 08:40 and 08:50 each morning. If you are arriving after 08:50, please bring your child into Reception to sign in. Personal responsibility is nurtured throughout the day and staff are always willing to guide your children in these important tasks.

We would appreciate if you can avoid meeting with your child's class teacher in the morning unless pre-arranged, as they are busy preparing for the day ahead and need to start the school day promptly at 08:50. Please pass any messages on to the staff members on duty, or to the office staff at Reception. Your Class Teacher will always be pleased to talk to you at the end of the day when they have more time available. Please ask at the office if you want to make a particular appointment. Reception class will continue to have their own morning arrangements with parents.