

# Our value is 'Love'

"Friends, let us love one another because love comes from God." 1 John 4:7 Friday, 15 December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

In school this past week it has been fantastically festive as we head towards the end of term!

## **Christmas Festivities**

On Monday evening we started off the week with our KS2 Carol Service in St Mary's Church. It was wonderful to welcome everyone who attended; I was so proud of the children as they sang beautifully and clearly. It was a lovely treat to share mince pies afterwards which were prepared by Year 3 and 4. Thank you to all the staff for ensuring the service was a success.

The nativity performances yesterday of 'Everyone Loves a Baby' were just beautiful. The children in Reception, Year and 2 obviously really enjoyed performing it and they did so with much enthusiasm! Thank you to all the children and staff for working so hard to make it such a wonderful show. Also, many thanks to those who came to watch and helping create such special memories.

This morning there was a lot of excitement when the children entered school and saw a big wrapped present in their classrooms. Many thanks to FOTS for these super party boxes that were prepared for each class; the children all enjoyed playing games and doing the Christmas crafts that were inside. Our youngest children also had a special visit from Father Christmas who gave them each a small gift.

I would like to thank the parents who volunteered their time today and helped serve our Christmas lunch to the children. Also, thanks to FOTS who provided Christmas crackers and table settings which helped make the hall feel really festive – it was a lovely surprise for the children.

## **Christmas Colour Hamper Raffle**

After the final nativity performance, we drew the winning tickets for the FOTS Christmas Colour Hamper Raffle. The hampers were bursting with lots of lovely items thanks to all the donations we had. The lucky winners have been contacted and are thrilled with their prizes. Many thanks to everyone who donated items for the hampers and purchased raffle tickets. The money raised is still been counted but we will let you know in the New Year what the total was.

## House Point Winners - Rothschild

Totals of house points collected over the autumn term have been counted and it was very close between the three houses. The final count is as follows:

Nightingale	335 points
Churchill	367 points
Rothschild	369 points

Well done to Rothschild house for collecting the most house points! During their house assembly next week they will vote for the prize they would like to receive. The children all enjoy earning their house points and it is super to see them be so enthusiastic about gaining points for their respective houses.

# **BBC 500 Word Writing Competition**

We are delighted to share some exciting news with you. Earlier this term, the children in Key Stage 2 all worked on stories which were then submitted to the BBC 500 Words short story competition. This week we received confirmation that the writing submitted by three of our children has been selected to go through to the next stage. This is a fantastic achievement as their work is now amongst the top 5000 stories submitted. These 5000 stories will now be read by professionals from The Reading Agency and reduced to just 50 short-listed finalists. Whether they do progress in the competition or not, we are so pleased that their work has been recognised and hope that this will encourage them to continue writing with such enthusiasm.

# **Online Safety Newsletter**

Attached is the December issue of our Online Safety Newsletter. This month's issue has a particular focus on Snapchat, which I know is a popular app for many young people, as well as letting you know information about different age ratings in place to help protect your child. This short newsletter is a really valuable read so I would urge you to take the time to open it and have a look. All previous online safety newsletters can be located on our website via the 'Safeguarding' tab.

# **School Parking**

Once again, our school neighbours have contacted us due to concerns over the parking situation around the school. Therefore, we are asking you to **please not park in the direct vicinity of the school.** Areas of particular concern are the parking on the bend of School Lane turning into Church Street and outside of Lime Tree Court, which has two driveways that must be kept clear at all times for emergency and medical services.

For the safety of all our children, it is much safer to park away from the school either at the top end of Main Street, on Portway Road or by the Rec and walk along the narrow section of road in Main Street/Church Street. The fewer cars parked in the vicinity of the school, the safer it will be for everyone. This will also ensure our school neighbours maintain their access to their properties.

Thank you to those parents who do show consideration for our neighbours and park away from the school. We work very hard to be good neighbours and we appreciate your support.

Finally, I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

With warmest wishes,

Judith Bloomfield

Headteacher

We Learn Together; Grow Together; Achieve Together knowing that Jesus said:

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."

John 15:5











TERM DATES 2024/25 to be confirmed		
Autumn 1 Term 2023	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Autumn 2 Term 2023	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
Spring 1 Term 2024	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Spring 2 Term 2024	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Summer 1 Term 2024	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Summer 2 Term 2024	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024
Autumn 1 Term 2024	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
Autumn 2 Term 2024	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Spring 1 Term 2025 Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025		Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
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School Diary



2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Nursery Christmas Event 2pm – 3pm	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	School breaks up for Christmas holiday	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	NXT Level Coaching Christmas Drop and Shop	
	Camp 9am – 3pm	
Thursday 21st December 2023	NXT Level Coaching Christmas Drop and Shop	
	Camp 9am – 3pm	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	School re-opens after Christmas break	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Deadline to submit your child's primary school	
	application	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Deadline for address evidence if you're moving into	
	or within Buckinghamshire	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	School breaks up for half term	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	INSET Day, school closed to pupils	
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	School re-opens after half term	

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March – Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>		Bikeability Training for Year 5	
March 2024		bikeability Training for real 3	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024		School breaks up for Easter holiday	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024		School re-opens after Easter break	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024		School offer day for Reception September 2024 places	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2024		LKS2 Swimming	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2024		LKS2 Swimming	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2024		Class Photographs	
Wednesday 1st May 2024		LKS2 Swimming	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2024		LKS2 Swimming	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2024		LKS2 Swimming	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024		LKS2 Swimming	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024		Break up for half term	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024		INSET Day	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2024		School re-opens after half term	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2024		LKS2 Swimming	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2024		LKS2 Swimming	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2024		LKS2 Swimming	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	NEW	Year 5 and 6 Residential - return Friday 21st June 2024	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2024		LKS2 Swimming	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024		School transition (for children to visit new	
		school/classroom)	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	NEW	School breaks up for Summer holiday	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024		INSET Day	



# Nurture Programme

# SEN parenting group

The Nurture Programme is a 10-week parenting group for parents of children with SEN that aims to empower parents to:

- · build positive relationships
- · encourage co-operative behaviour
- develop resilience, empathy, and selfesteem in themselves and their children.

Places must be booked prior to the course starting.

To register for the programme please email, phone or scan the QR code.







10am to 12noon



Aylesbury



# **Talking Teens**

## Parenting support programme

Talking Teens is a 5-week programme for parents of teenagers with a focus on:

- · relationships within the family
- communication
- · negotiating
- decision-making
- strategies to reduce conflict

Places must be booked prior to the course starting.

To register for the programme please scan the QR code.



Tuesdays 3 January to 6 February 10am to 12noon



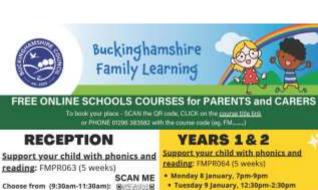
Tuesdays 20 February to 19 March 6pm to 8pm





For more information please visit





- Tuesday 9 January, 12:30pm-2:30pm
- · Wednesday 10 January, 9:30am-11:30am



Support your child with maths - shape data and measure: FMMS047 (5 weeks)



SCAN ME



Develop your child's writing. grammar and punctuation: FMWG094 (5 weeks)

- · Wednesday 10 January, 7pm-9pm
- . Thursday 11 January, 9:30am-11:30am



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Monday 8 January
 Tuesday 9 January

Wednesday 10 January

FMM5048 (5 weeks)

Thursday 11 January. 6:30pm-8:30pm

YEARS384

Support your child with maths

Monday 8 January, 9:30am-11:30am
 Tuesday 9 January, 12:30pm-2:30pm
 Wednesday 10 January, 12:30pm-2:30pm

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 Happy, healthy and safe online tips to

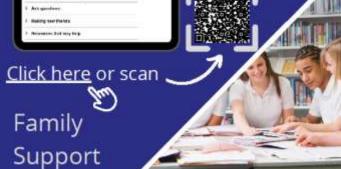
help your child: FMWB090 (5 weeks)

shape, data and measure:

# Moving up to secondary School



Free courses available transition to secondary school



Family Support Service

# Move up to Secondary School Course for year 6s

Getting ready to move up to secondary school? Not sure what to expect? Our short, six-week course could help.

### 6 sessions cover:

- · What to expect at secondary school
- · Making friends and dealing with peer pressure
- · Tackling your fears and worries
- · Getting organised

## Book by 5 February 2024

To secure your place, scan the QR code for more information.

If you need help email. earluhelpduty@buckinghamshire.gov.uk



Tuesdays 5:30 to 6:30pm Microsoft Teams



Aylesbury Wednesdays 5:30 to 6:30pm Elmhurst Family Centre



**Princes Risborough** Tuesdays 6 to 7pm Risborough Family Centre







# Together we are beating cancer



**Buckingham & District Action Group presents** 

# Go crackers against cancer

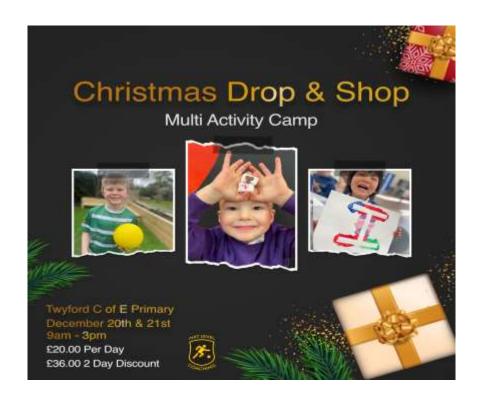
Sunday 17 December 2023 Sessions 9.15am - 4.30pm Buckingham Town Cricket Club



Scan to book a session

Cancer Research UK is a registered charity in England and Wales (1089464), Scotland (SC041666), the Isle of Man (1103) and Jersey (247). Registered address: 2 Redman Place, London, E20 1JQ.









# Thank you for your support

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Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Together we raised £130.61

