

"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Friday, 24 November 2023

Joshua 1:9

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children in Need

What a fantastic end to the week we had last week as the children helped raise money for Children in Need. The juice and snack bar at morning break was very popular and many children took part in the activities house captains had prepared for lunchtime. This year we raised a fantastic £197.15 for this charity – thank you for your generosity.

FOTS Film Night

On Wednesday, the FOTS film night fundraiser proved as popular as ever with approximately 60 children returning to school to watch either Sing or Minions; The Rise of Gru. It was lovely to see the children relaxing and enjoying themselves with their friends. Many thanks for your support and to those who were able to help and make it a success. Just a reminder for future events that if the person collecting your child is



different to who you said it would be, please call the school and leave a message on the answer phone. This way, we can make sure all the children leave our care safely and with the correct person. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Year 5 and 6 Faith Tour

Yesterday, Year 5 and 6 had an amazing day on the Multi-Faith Tour. They visited a Mosque and a Gurdwara, finding out about each place of worship and exploring how people of different faiths live out their lives. They learnt so much through placing their classroom learning in real contexts. It was a wonderful surprise when each child was given a copy of their name written in Arabic at the Mosque. I think the day can be summarised perfectly in the words of one Year 5 pupil when they said, "it was a totally new and unique experience".

Staffing Updates

A while ago, I shared the news with you that Mrs Rumble will be going on maternity leave in the New Year. I am pleased to let you know that Mrs Oakes, who already works within our Early Years team, will be the new Reception class teacher on a Monday to Wednesday with Mrs Butcher continuing on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Oakes has worked as a teacher in primary schools previously and we are delighted to be able to use her experience to cover Mrs Rumble's maternity leave. Work is already underway to provide a smooth transition and it is a huge benefit that Mrs Oakes already knows the children and school so well. I am sure you will support her as she steps into this new role. However, this now means that we have a part-time teaching assistant vacancy for three days a week within our wonderful early years team to cover the role that Mrs Oakes is currently doing. If you know anyone who might be interested, please ask them to get in touch.

Upcoming Events

There are lots of events planned before the end of term in the run up to Christmas. Please take time to look through the diary dates at the end of this letter so that you are aware of all of them.

First on the list, is our **Advent service** this coming Monday morning at 9:15am in St. Mary's Church – you are more than welcome to come along and join us for this Collective Worship.

Towards the end of term we are looking forward to a **Nativity** performance by Reception and KS1 children along with a **Carol Service** in the church for KS2. These events will be ticketed due to the capacity allowance of each venue. More details will be sent out next week.

Additionally, we will be having a **Christmas jumper day** to support the charity Save the Children, a **Christmas lunch and party** as well as Nursery children having a **Christmas themed sing and get together**.

A reminder that if you would like to order a Christmas lunch (Friday 15th December) you can do so via the usual Fresh Start Meal Manager. If you have never used the Meal Manager and have mislaid your original login details please contact the school office.

Christmas Postbox

On Friday 1st December the post box for Christmas cards will be open in school. If your child has written cards for their friends, they can post them in there ready to be delivered from Wednesday 18th onwards. Please can you check that your child has clearly written the name and year group of who they want to send the card to on each envelope. Thank you.

FOTS Christmas Colour Hamper Raffle

This year sees the return of the ever-popular Christmas Colour Hamper Raffle. We will be collecting donations for these colour themed class hampers as follows:



Donations can either have the given colour for it's packaging or the name of the product itself. E.g. a packet of shortbread with green packaging or a jar of Gold Blend coffee. Any donations are to be dropped off with your child, to their classroom by Monday 11th December. Raffle tickets will be sent home in book bags on Monday. Please either return money from sold tickets or any unsold tickets to school by this date too. If you require more tickets, please contact the school office and we will pop more in your child's book bag as required. The raffle will be drawn at the end of the evening Nativity performance.

Wrap Around Care

Alongside afterschool clubs, NXT Level Coaching also offer full wrap around care for the children at our school. If you need childcare, please book directly with NXT Level Coaching.



NXT LEVEL COACHING WRAP AROUND CARE

To book: https://www.nxtlevelcoaching.co.uk/book-online/twyfordcofprimary

Contact: info@nxtlevelcoaching.co.uk

Text: 07703 187543

BREAKFAST CLUB	DROP & GO	AFTER-SCH	IOOL CLUB
7.50am – 8.40am	8.30am – 8.40am	3.15pm – 4.15pm	4.15pm – 5.30pm
£3.50	£1.00	£4.00	£4.00
Book online	No need to pre-book	Book online	Book online
Breakfast served until 8.20am		Activities including art, craft, sports, games, Lego and construction	Activities including art, craft, sports, games, Lego and construction Light snack served

The weather is due to turn colder over these next few weeks so please make sure your child comes to school each day with a coat. Any hats, gloves or scarves should be named so they can be easily reunited with their owner should they become mislaid.

I wish you all 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 th September 2023	Friday 20 th October 2023		
Autumn 2 Term 2023	Monday 30 th October 2023	Tuesday 19 th December 2023		
Spring 1 Term 2024	Thursday 4 th January 2024	Friday 9 th February 2024		
Spring 2 Term 2024	Tuesday 20 th February 2024	Thursday 28 th March 2024		
Summer 1 Term 2024	Monday 15 th April 2024	Friday 24 th May 2024		
Summer 2 Term 2024	Tuesday 4 th June 2024	Monday 22 nd July 2024		
Autumn 1 Term 2024	Thursday 5 th September 2024	Friday 25 th October 2024		
Autumn 2 Term 2024	Monday 4 th November 2024	Friday 20 th December 2024		
Spring 1 Term 2025	Monday 6 th January 2025	Friday 14 th February 2025		
Spring 2 Term 2025	Monday 24 th February 2025	Friday 4 th April 2025		
Summer 1 Term 2025	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Friday 23 rd May 2025		
Summer 2 Term 2025	Monday 2 nd June 2025	Wednesday 23 rd July 2025		

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School Diary



2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
		Advent Service at St. Mary's Church, 9.15am .
Monday 27 th November 2023		Parents are welcome to join us for this collective
		worship if they would like to.
Friday 1 st December 2023		Toddler Group 9:45-11:00am
Saturday 2 nd December 2023	NEW	Twyford Village Festive Outdoor Market
Friday 8 th December 2023		Toddler Group 9:45-11:00am
Monday 11 th December 2023	NEW	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 11 th December		Key Stage 2 Christmas Carols at St. Mary's Church,
Monday 11 December		6.30pm
Thursday 14 th December 2023		Nativity 2pm (Reception/KS1)
Thursday 14 th December 2023		Nativity 5:30pm (Reception/KS1)
Friday 15 th December 2023		Toddler Group 9:45-11:00am
Friday 15 th December 2023		Christmas Lunch and party day
Monday 18 th December 2023	NEW	Nursery Christmas Event 2pm – 3pm
Tuesday 19 th December 2023		School breaks up for Christmas holiday
Wednesday 20 th December 2023	NEW	NXT Level Coaching Christmas Drop and Shop
wednesday 20 December 2025		Camp 9am – 3pm

Thursday 20th December 2022	NEW	NXT Level Coaching Christmas Drop and Shop
Thursday 20 th December 2023		Camp 9am – 3pm
Thursday 4 th January 2024		School re-opens after Christmas break
Monday 15 th January 2024		Deadline to submit your child's primary school
William 15 January 2024		application
Monday 29 th January 2024		Deadline for address evidence if you're moving into
,		or within Buckinghamshire
Friday 9 th February		School breaks up for half term
Monday 19 th February 2024		INSET Day, school closed to pupils
Tuesday 20 th February 2024		School re-opens after half term
Monday 18 th March – Thursday 21 st		Bikeability Training for Year 5
March 2024		Directionity Training for Tear 5
Thursday 28 th March 2024		School breaks up for Easter holiday
Monday 15 th April 2024		School re-opens after Easter break
Tuesday 16 th April 2024		School offer day for Reception September 2024
, ,		places
Wednesday 17 th April 2024		LKS2 Swimming
Wednesday 24 th April 2024		LKS2 Swimming
Tuesday 30 th April 2024		Class Photographs
Wednesday 1 st May 2024		LKS2 Swimming
Wednesday 8 th May 2024		LKS2 Swimming
Wednesday 15 th May 2024		LKS2 Swimming
Wednesday 22 nd May 2024		LKS2 Swimming
Friday 24 th May 2024		Break up for half term
Monday 3 rd June 2024		INSET Day
Tuesday 4 th June 2024		School re-opens after half term
Wednesday 5 th June 2024		LKS2 Swimming
Wednesday 12 th June 2024		LKS2 Swimming
Wednesday 19 th June 2024		LxKS2 Swimming
Wednesday 26 th June 2024		LKS2 Swimming
Tuesday 2 nd July 2024		School transition (for children to visit new
• •		school/classroom
Tuesday 23 rd 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
9 January to 6 February
10am to 12noon



Beaconsfield Tuesdays 20 February to 19 March 6pm to 8pm





Online Thursdays 1.1 January to 8 February 6pm to 8pm

For more information please visit familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/familysuppor





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Aylesbury
Thursdays
11 January to 21 March
12:30noon to 2:30pm



High Wycombe Thursdays 11 January to 21 March 10am to 12noon



01296 383293 earlyhelpduty@ buckinghamshire.gov.uk



Amersham Tuesdays 16 January to 26 March 10am to 12noon

For more information please visit familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/familysupport





Buckinghamshire Family Learning



FREE ONLINE SCHOOLS COURSES for PARENTS and CARERS

To book your place - SCAN the QR code, CLICK on the course title link or PHONE 01296 383582 with the course code (eg. FM......)

RECEPTION

Support your child with phonics and reading: FMPR063 (5 weeks)

SCAN ME

Choose from (9:30am-11:30am):

- Monday 8 January
- Tuesday 9 January
- Wednesday 10 January





shape, data and measure:

FMMS048 (5 weeks)

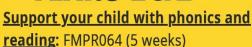
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- Tuesday 9 January, 12:30pm-2:30pm
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- Thursday 11 January, 6:30pm-8:30pm



SCAN ME



YEARS 1 & 2



- Monday 8 January, 7pm-9pm
- Tuesday 9 January, 12:30pm-2:30pm
- Wednesday 10 January, 9:30am-11:30am



SCAN ME



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

• Thursday 11 January, 9:30am-11:30am



SCAN ME



YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6

Happy, healthy and safe online tips to help your child: FMWB090 (5 weeks)

Tuesday 9 January, 9:30am-11:30am



SCAN ME



YEARS 5&6

<u>Develop your child's writing</u>, grammar and punctuation:

FMWG094 (5 weeks)

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

















