



Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. I am excited to finally be here and to be able to get to know the school; children, staff and families! We have already gotten off to an unusual start with an unexpected fire alarm to end my first day at the school. The children coped with this brilliantly and I would like to thank the parents that were at school for collection and waited patiently; letting the children follow the schools fire emergency procedures to perfection!

This week, I have started spending some time with all the classes playing some games with them to get to know them better and giving them a chance to get to know me to. I have been made to feel very welcome by everyone. My next mission is to get to know everyone's names but that will take a little longer.

In assembly this week I spoke to the children about how the New Year is like a door of opportunity where we get to try new things or do things differently. We all thought about how we could make 2023 a great year for us and for those around us. Celebration assemblies will start again next week and I will be adding a Head teacher's Certificate, where I will be looking out for children that are living out this terms value of Kindness around the school.

Alongside this weeks newsletter, you will also be receiving class newsletters for each class, as they begin new topics for this term, giving some additional information about the exciting learning that will be taking place in the next few weeks.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend ahead of the first full week of term,

Nadia Gosling

School Dates

Friday 10th February — End of Term
Monday 20th February—Return to School

Year 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons:
Thursdays (5th, 12th, 19th, 26th January, 2nd & 9th February)



Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.30am-8.45am
Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.45am
CAST times: Mon-Thurs 3.15pm-4.15pm or
3.15pm-5.30pm.

CAST mobile no: 07395182892

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club, Drop & Play or CAST, please book a place using the app. All clubs are open to reception through to year 6 children only.

If you could please try to get your clubs booked by Sunday for the week ahead, so that snacks can be arranged. (Although we appreciate that you may need to book on last minute- and that is no problem, this will just help our CAST team to plan ahead.)

Early Years

FSU are starting a new topic called 'The Colour About Us'. The children have already enjoyed our new Garden Centre role play area!



Year 1 & 2

In Year 1 and 2 we have started reading our new book The Dragon Machine. Just like in the story, dragons are hiding everywhere! We went for a walk round school to find the hiding dragons and then wrote down some fantastic sentences to describe where we had seen them. We are looking forward to writing our own dragon stories in the next few weeks.

N.B. New reading books will be sent home Monday as some children will be changing colours.



Year 3 & 4

This week year 3 and 4 have started their new text, 'Leon and the Place Between'. We have begun to make predictions about what the book is about and thought of some questions we hope will be answered as we read. It feels very magical.



Year 5 & 6

This week, Year 5/6 had their first swimming lesson of the year at Bicester Leisure Centre. They all worked really hard in the lesson, some showing the school value of courage by overcoming their fears. The swimming instructor was very pleased with the children's attitudes and willingness to have a go. We were all very proud of them and look forward to another session next week!

Safeguarding

Please contact Miss Giles, Mrs Clarke or Mrs Gosling should you have any safeguarding concerns.