



Dear parents,

We have had a great start to the new term after the excitement of snow at the weekend. We have welcomed new children in nursery and Year 2 and got started on new exciting topics. You should have already received the class newsletters detailing what the classes will be learning about over the coming weeks and how you can help your child at home.

In our collective worship, we started the week with a focus on the Epiphany, and wrapped up all things related to Christmas by watching Paddington in a Christmas advert, to introduce our new value for this term - Kindness. With the start of a new year everyone always thinks about resolutions and things they could do differently, all the children have been encouraged to think about being good role models to others around them, showing kindness to others will teach them to be kinder too. All the classes have also spent time developing the class vision display by adding the school values to their vision trees. Our kindness ambassadors have started to make plans for this term including kindness awards and a kindness workshop.



Unfortunately Years 3 to 6 were not able to start their swimming sessions this week. The children and staff were great at adapting to the very last minute and unexpected change of plans. We made the most of the unexpected free time and the children were kept busy and active the whole time! We are aiming to sort out the issues with the transport before the next session.



Today Year 5&6 had a zoom meeting with their link school in India, this was a chance for both schools to share the work they had been working on for their joint projects on local tourist attractions. It was very exciting to be able to interact with children in another part of the world who had kindly stayed on after school to meet with us! I hope to be able to develop equally as successful links for the other classes too!



Wishing you all a warm weekend!

Nadia Gosling



**Headteacher
Award
Evelyn T,
Estelle, Felicity
Well Done!**

PARKING AROUND SCHOOL REMINDER

We have been made aware of a number of cars being parked dangerously around drop off and pick up.

Please remember that the Highway Code states that you should not park: near a school entrance, on a bend, opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space, in front of an entrance to a property and anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services.

There is parking available on nearby roads and we would like to encourage parents to walk to school where possible to help ease the congestion.

Our Stars of the Week

Stan

Jaxon

Evelyn

Beatrice

Zac

Oliver

Niamh

Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is FSU with:

97% attendance

Whole school attendance

94%

Also, Well done to everyone for getting into school at 08:45. It makes such a difference!

Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.15am-8.45am

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.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club, Drop & Play or CAST, please book a place using the Arbor app.

All clubs are open to Reception through to Year 6 children only. If you could please try to get your clubs booked by **Midday**

Friday for the week ahead, so that snacks can be arranged. As our numbers are increasing, we may not be able to accept last minute bookings due to the adult ratio's required. Bookings made after 12pm on Friday will incur a £2 late booking fee per session booked.

Please also be mindful of pick up times, if you are late picking up your child you will be charged for the later session.

PTA

Happy New Year!

Please see the attached posters for the upcoming PTA Café, Gift amnesty and Rags2Riches.

Look out for more events coming in 2025!

Diary dates

- 16th January to 13th February —Yrs 3-6 Swimming lesson on Thursdays
- 22nd January—Rags2Riches collection
- 23rd January—FSU sport session (Afternoon)
- 24th January—Yrs 3-6 Schools Concert at the Sheldonian Theatre
- 24th January—PTA gift amnesty
- 24th January—PTA Café 3pm
- 5th February—Whole school skipping workshop
- 14th February—Whole School Kindness workshop



ECO COUNCIL

On Wednesday morning we shared in assembly our WWF fundraiser. Last year a turtle was adopted, and we are holding a 'Name the Turtle' competition to raise enough money to adopt another endangered species. For a £1 donation, children can suggest a name, win the soft toy turtle if their name is randomly selected, and get the opportunity to vote for the next animal to be adopted. The final entry date is Friday 17th January and the winner will be selected on Monday 20th January. Please support this worthy cause.



FSU

We have welcomed 4 new children to FSU this week and as it has been very busy settling them and everyone else back into school routine! Starting our **Colour About Us** theme we have read the Eric Carle Books: The Artist Who Painted A Blue Horse, The Mixed Up Chameleon and Brown Bear Brown Bear. Forest School was an exciting but cold session with lots of ice and frost to discover. Unfortunately our peg area is very tight for space and can't accommodate ruck sacks or large bags—please could children bring their spare and Forest School clothes in drawstring bags or a carrier bag with every item clearly named so we can try and keep track of whose is whose—thank you.

FSU are looking to replace add to our 'Loose Part' resources that we use for maths, small world, and construction activities. We are especially looking for donations of corks, buttons, shells, feathers and pine cones. Also any baskets that could be used for storage and display purposes. Thank you.

Year 3 & 4

We have had a very positive start to the new term in Year 3/4! The children came up with some targets to achieve this term and are really keen to tick them all off and complete their 'Bingo' board.

We have also loved getting back outside in the fresh air for Forest School and we can guarantee no icy puddles have been left un-smashed! The children coped well with their swim lesson being cancelled, and enjoyed doing extra PE in the hall.

And finally in Science we've been conducting surveys of our local habitat, searching for any interesting plants and animals that can be found nearby.



Year 1 & 2

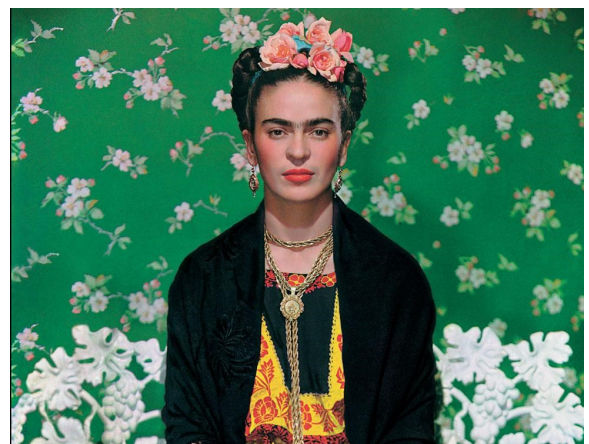
We have had a lovely first week back. It's always exciting to begin our new topics! We have looked at the weather and are currently writing a weather diary for the week in geography. We have started to look at money in Maths and pictograms in computing. As well as, researching the life of Henri Rousseau in art.



Year 5 & 6

This week we have started lots of new topics to start the new year!

In geography we have begun learning about Mexico, comparing it with the UK. In art we have started learning about the Mexican artist Frida Kahlo and we look forward to creating a portrait in her style over the coming weeks!



Safeguarding

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