



Dear Parents,

We have had a great start to the Summer term thanks to Reverend Lisa and her team of volunteers who came in to school on Wednesday and Thursday to lead Bespace sessions for all the children. The children took part in four different activities focused on - Resilience, Resourcefulness, Challenge and Hope. This was a great way to start our focus on this term's value - Resilience. The children particularly enjoyed the (silent disco) headphones and using the play dough. The volunteers were very complementary of the children which is always lovely to hear. A big thank you to the volunteers for their time.



Staff have spent time this week planning out key diary dates for the Summer Term. Please make sure you have a look at the calendar section where we have added all the main events up to the end of the academic year. Class curriculum newsletters will also be sent out today with more details about what each class will be learning this term.

Next week brings us to our May Day celebrations. You will already have received a letter about the posies and crosses the children need to bring in on the day, as well as what they need to wear. If you are able to donate flowers for the May Garland, these can be dropped off at school from after school on Tuesday. Cash donations for the purchase of flowers can also be made via the school office. Thank you for the support with helping to make this event so special for the school and the village. Please contact the office if you are able to help with decoration of the garland from 7am on the 1st of May.

Please also remember that parking will be limited on Wednesday morning as cones will be placed to help ensure we can cross safely during the procession to Church.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Nadia Gosling

Our Stars of the Week

Leelah

Fred

Annabel

William

Ella

Evelyn B

Matilda

Oliver H

Lacey

Lilly

Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is FSU with:

98% attendance

Whole school attendance

96%

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

We are looking forward to seeing you this afternoon in the Community Hall from 3pm for our Easter Café. There will be cakes, tea, coffee and squash for children.



We will be also be serving refreshments at the May Day celebrations. We would be very grateful for any cake donations, homemade or shop bought.



Thank you for your support!

FSU

What a busy week we have had in the FSU in only 4 days! We have introduced our new topic with a visit from Lara's Mum who told us all about her job as a Doctor. The children were so interested in all the things she showed them. We also welcomed 4 new children, had our first Forest School morning session, and visited the BeSpace in our hall. All this on top of our usual phonics, maths, literacy and independent learning in our continuous provision!



Year 1 & 2

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter. We had a jam packed first week back. The children absolutely loved the BeSpace session where they had time to reflect (photos on Tapestry). They also conducted an experiment with ice with Mrs Vickers to see how fast it can melt, and we have been practicing our May Day performance.



Year 3 & 4

We have had a great first week of the term in Year 3/4, and children have embraced our new topics, seating plan and timetable with good nature and enthusiasm. They have particularly enjoyed Forest School this week, creating imaginary worlds and clay models in the sunshine. I have also been impressed with their dedication during our May Day dance and song rehearsals - it promises to be a fantastic performance next week!



Year 5 & 6

We have enjoyed our first week back and have been busy learning our May Day dances - everyone has shown lots of teamwork and resilience and we have now got our dances perfected!

We also started a new reading book 'Windrush Child' following a young boy's journey from Jamaica to England in the 1950s. We have added our birds to our class vision board to represent the school's bible verse.



Safeguarding

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

Diary Dates

- 28th April—Yr5/6 Girls Football Home Game
- 1st May—May Day Celebration Morning
- 1st May—Yr5/6 Youlbury Trip Final Instalment Due
- 16th May—Ian Taylor Photography Class Photos
- 22nd May—Ian Taylor Photography FSU Portraits
- 22nd May—Rags2Riches Collection
- 6th June—Art Week Exhibition 3pm-4pm
- 18th-20th June— Yr5/6 Residential Trip to Youlbury
- 27th June—Sports Day + Family Picnic
- 1st July—Yr3/4 Trip to Chedworth Manor
- 2nd July—Reception and Yr1/2 Trip to Science Oxford
- 7th July—Move Up Morning
- 11th—School Production Dress Rehearsal 9.30am
- 14th + 15th July—School Production 6pm

For future dates:

<https://charlton-on-otmoor.sch.life/Page/Calendar>

