



Dear Parents,

We have had a busy final week to this term. In our daily collective worship, we have continued to work on being kind to ourselves with some mindfulness and meditation tasks. The children have learnt Bunny Breaths and Bumble bee breaths as calming strategies. On Monday we celebrated Children's Mental Health, which this year has the theme 'Let's Connect', encouraging children to come together to help each other. We also marked Safer internet day where we celebrate all the incredible things we can do online and also how some things can go wrong online. We discussed out it is important to share their experiences especially if they have a concern or a worry about something they have seen online. 'Together we can work out what to do next'.

We have also marked National birdwatch week with visitors to Y5/6 from the RSPB and lower down the school some bird boxes were made too.

Next term, starting from the 20th of February, there will be a change to PE sessions:

- FSU PE will be on Thursdays
- Year 1/2 PE will be on Mondays
- Year 3/4 PE will be on Wednesday and Thursdays
- Year 5/6 PE will be on Mondays and Thursdays

We are continuing to use the phrase 'kind hands, kind feet, kind words' and this week we have spoken about the importance of speaking to an adult if they are having any problems and to not retaliate. Please take some time to reiterate this at home too.

This week I brought in my skipping rope with a counter on it to help me with counting my 100 steps. The children have enjoyed borrowing the skipping rope achieving great amounts of skips over the course of both break times. We have now created a Charlton-on-Otmoor Primary team. If anyone would like to join here is the link

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/charlton-on-otmoor-primary/join>.

Or to donate to the team please follow this link:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/charlton-on-otmoor-primary>. Mrs Fraemohs has

also added a link to the PTA Facebook page.

Finally, please remember to complete a brief questionnaire about how you might be able to get involved with the school more. follow this link

<https://forms.office.com/e/Frrcebyd4x>.

We are hoping to take part in some sporting or musical events outside of school and would benefit from support from parents with transport.

As we are now at the end of my first term at the school, I wanted to end my newsletter with a big thank you to everyone for helping me settle in and feel so welcome here at Charlton-On-Otmoor.

Have a great half term break!

Nadia Gosling



Uniform

Uniform update – We have updated the logo on the school uniform to fit in with our current logo.

The old logo will be phased out gradually, whilst the new uniform is being introduced, the children can continue to wear uniform with the old logo.

Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is Year 5/6 with:

98.54% attendance

Whole school attendance

95.40%

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

Footsteps

Oxfordshire County Council have created a child pedestrian Road Safety scheme called Footsteps, aimed at parents and carers. It is simple for parents to use as it can be carried out in normal everyday situations such as walking to school or to the local shops. More information can be found at <https://www.365alive.co.uk/cms/content/walking-children>

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day with a week of fun activities in school!

Monday 27th February: Drop Everything And Read. Children will 'drop everything and read' at a designated time for 10 minutes during the school day.

Tuesday 28th February: Children from different year groups will come together during the school day to read together and share stories.

Wednesday 1st March: Children will be put into different mixed age groups during the day and listen to a storytime delivered by a member of staff.

Thursday 2nd March: Children will be invited to come into school in their pyjamas and 'snuggle up' with their favourite book and a cup of hot chocolate during the day. Please could your child bring in a copy of their favourite book from home.

Friday 3rd March: A special story time will be delivered to all of the children at the end of the day during celebration assembly.

Head Teacher Value Award -Kindness



Neive Lehane— For always showing kindness to others, especially the FSU children at Lunchtimes.

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. As our numbers are increasing, we may not be able to accept last minute bookings due to the adult ratio's required.

School Dates

Monday 20th February—Return to School

Monday 27th—Friday 3rd March

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Early Years

We will no longer be sending a separate weekly FSU newsletter. Instead, like the other classes, we will send a half termly topic overview that will include our main areas of learning. This will begin after half term. Please do still catch us at drop off or pick up if you have any questions or queries.

We have been learning about growing while reading Jasper's Beanstalk.

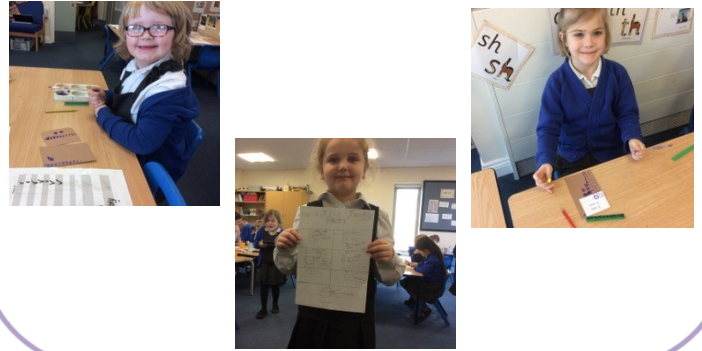
Year 3 & 4

This week Year 3 and 4 have been practicing their maths skills by taking part in maths games, puzzles and challenges.



Year 1 & 2

This week in Year 1 and 2 this week we used books and the internet to research different places around the world. We found out about some different climates such as the cold Arctic, the tropical rainforests and hot deserts! Then in maths we have been looking at tens and ones and we printed numbers using paint! We finished the half term by painting our landscapes in the style of Henri Rousseau!



Year 5 & 6

The Year 6 pupils had a fantastic time at Junior Citizens this week. During their two hour visit, they experienced a variety of safety scenarios and each child was given the opportunity to practise making a 999 telephone call. Children were taught how to keep themselves safe whilst potentially helping others who may be in difficulty or distress. The Year 6 children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learnt a lot!



Celebrations this week



Class	Value	Reason
Early Years	Respect	Evelyn.B.—For practising waiting her turn.
Year 1 & 2	Kindness	Edie—For always being kind and cheerful.
Year 3 & 4	Resilience	Maison— Making an improved effort with his writing.
Year 5 & 6	Kindness	Aubrey—Being kind and encouraging in swimming.

Safeguarding

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