













Dear Parents,

This week we have welcomed a student from Oxford Brookes, Miss Rachel, who will be completing her second year teaching practice in Year 1/2. The children and the staff have been very welcoming which has been lovely to see.

In our assemblies this week, we thought about the difference an individual can make to the world. We looked at the impact that Martin Luther King had and reflected on how we can be courageous advocates in our everyday lives and champions causes which are special and meaningful to us. We also took some time to mark the start of the Chinese New Year this week, the year of the Rabbit, by listening to some music inspired by the Chinese symbol of good luck – the dragon.

This week we have introduced updated playground zones and lunch time clubs to give the children some group, individual and more structured activities to support their playtimes. Here is a copy of the timetable which is also displayed around the school.

	Top of the playground	Middle of the playground	Bottom of the playground	LUNCH CLUB
Monday	Young Leaders	Football 		<b>Drawing club</b> Mrs Henderson 
Tuesday	Basketball 		Quiet ball games/skipping	<b>Cooking club-</b> Miss Phillips 
Wednesday	Tennis 		Quiet ball games/skipping	<b>Sports Activators</b> 
Thursday	Football 		Quiet ball games/skipping	<b>Choir-</b> Miss Airey and Mrs Clarke 
Friday	Long skipping ropes 		Quiet ball games/skipping	<b>Board games-</b> Mrs Wells 

You will have heard about potential teachers' strikes in the next months, I will let you know more about how this affects the school in due course, thank you for your patience.

Wishing everyone a sunny and hopefully warmer weekend.

Nadia Gosling

## PTA News

Through the fantastic fundraising efforts of the PTA, this month they have been able to pay for some much needed items for the school.

£550 worth of Read Write Ink books for the FSU Class, to extend our Early Years Reading levels.

The iPad lease for the Spring Term for the whole school.

A Story Telling Workshop for the whole school with the Oxford Story Telling Museum.

A big thank you to you all for your continued support.

## Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is Year 3&4 with:

**99% Attendance**

**Whole school attendance**

**95%**

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

### Head Teacher Value Award -Kindness



Jaxon Lee & Felicity - for being kind towards classmates in lessons, supporting with their learning.

### 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.)

### School Dates

**8th & 9th February**—Parents Evening (more information to follow)

**Friday 10th February** —End of Term Non-uniform day and PTA cake sale after school

**Monday 20th February**—Return to School

#### **Year 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons:**

Thursdays (19th, 26th January, 2nd & 9th February)

## Early Years

In FSU this week we have been learning about Chinese New Year and the 'Year of the Rabbit'. Amongst our activities children have had a go at using chopsticks. We also had a lovely visit from Fred the Rabbit - everyone got to stroke him, feed him and learn about how to look after a pet. Thank you to Mrs Bustin for bringing him in.



## Year 1 & 2

In Year 1 and 2 class we have been finding out about how weather affects us and how we can keep ourselves safe. We had a role play dress up where we had to find the right items to match the weather. Next week we will be making safety campaign leaflets to encourage people to keep themselves safe during extreme heat, cold or other dangers.



## Year 3 & 4

This week in History, we have been learning all about Anglo-Saxon crime and punishment and comparing it to the Modern British justice system. We have learnt about the horrendous punishments carried out by the Anglo-Saxons and considered if they were justified and fair (mostly we decided they were not).

## Year 5 & 6

This week, Year 5/6 had their first music lesson with Mr Wakefield of this half term. They listened to a piece of jazz music together, and then learnt how to play part of the tune on a glockenspiels. They had to listen carefully to the beat and work together as a team. Next week, they will be learning the rest of the tune. Well done, Year 5/6!

## Celebrations this week



Class	Value	Reason
Early Years	Kindness	Jackson—Helping a new child without being asked.
Year 1 & 2	Love	Isabel—For a love of writing her story.
Year 3 & 4	Forgiveness	Mackenzie—For forgiving his friends when they made a mistake.
Year 5 & 6	Resilience	Freddie—For not giving up in swimming this week

## Safeguarding

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