



Dear Parents,

It has been a pleasure to welcome everyone back to school this week. The children have returned with great enthusiasm and have settled smoothly and into the new term, just as we reach the halfway point of the school year.

We began the week by reflecting on the recent Winter Olympics, celebrating Team GB's record medal haul and discussing values embodied by the Games. In particular, we considered the sportsmanship shown by athletes who celebrated one another's achievements. One example was Regina Martínez, who, despite finishing last in her cross-country skiing event, was warmly applauded by her fellow competitors as the first woman to represent Mexico at the Winter Olympics. Her perseverance and courage provided a powerful example of resilience and pride.

As we continue our journey through Lent, we were pleased to welcome Rev Cortney, who led a collective worship focused on this term's value: forgiveness. She has also met with some of the Ethos Team to plan a collective worship for next week, again exploring this important theme and how it can be lived out in our daily interactions.

It has been wonderful to see so many children participate in our Poetry Slam this week, with many choosing to perform their own original work. We are delighted to announce that Margot, Lorilee, Beatrice and the quartet—Emily, Felicity Lacey and Lily, will go on to represent the school at the inter-school competition in Bicester. Congratulations to all who entered for their creativity and confidence.

Today we also welcomed Mrs Horn to our teaching team. She will be teaching in Years 3 and 4 for the remainder of the academic year. It has been lovely to see the warm welcome she received from both staff and pupils.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Nadia Gosling



Robin update!

Thank you to the parents who alerted us to the robin that was trapped above the FSU class..

We are pleased to announce that it made its way down to the classroom and we were able to coax it out into the play-ground. After its initial hesitation it flew away .

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Our Stars of the Week

Brody +
Aria

Irina +
Elsie E

Geordie

Camilla

Eddie

Amelia

Daisy

Lily H

Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is Year 1&2 & Year 3&4 with:

100% attendance

Whole school attendance

95%

Also, Well done to everyone for getting into school at 08:40. It makes such a difference!

Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.15am-8.40am

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Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.40am

CAST times: Mon-Thurs 3.15pm-4.15pm or 3.15pm-5.30pm.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club or CAST, please book a place using the Arbor app. You do not need to book for Drop & Play.

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.

Diary dates

- **Dance Club— 6th-27th March (pre-booked only)**
- **27th February—PTA Café 3.15pm**
- **2nd March—Yr5/6 Stone Age Trip**
- **5th March— World Book Day**
- **10th March—FSU Trip to David Lloyd Bicester**
- **18th March—Yr3/4 Egyptian Day**
- **18th & 19th March—Parents Evening**
- **19th March—Bicester Schools Poetry Final**
- **20th March—PTA Easter Bingo**
- **30th March-10th April—Easter Holidays**
- **13th April—Back to School**
- **25th April—London Mini Marathon**



PTA

Thank you to everyone who has placed an order for the school tea towel. If you have not yet paid for your order, payment can be made in cash to the office or by bank transfer. The bank details are Charlton-on-Otmoor School Association, sort code 30-90-77, account no. 17468960 (Ref. Child's name). A sample of the tea towel will be available to view at the PTA Café this afternoon, and there are still some available if you would like to order. The PTA will be on the playground Monday afternoon for you to collect your orders.

We look forward to seeing you at the Café this afternoon from 3pm.



FSU

We have had a great first week back. We have focused on the book 'Dear Zoo' and have written a sentence asking what animal we would like to be sent. All of the FSU have been a big help with clearing out our sandpit ready for the warmer weather.



Year 1 & 2

The more Spring-like weather this week lent itself perfectly to our new Science topic, which is Plants. We learnt about the four main parts of a plant, and what they are for, and the children learnt a catchy song to remember them. We headed out in the sunshine and closely inspected the new daffodils in the playground; identifying their parts, and the children were delighted to see some bees going in and out. We've also enjoyed having an extra PE lesson - we're learning the difference between 'attack' and 'defence' in various sports.



Year 3 & 4

We have arrived back at school to this special delivery. What's in the box? The children are intrigued but we haven't opened it yet! I have just given them the clue it is something to do with our new History topic...asking the question *How did the Ancient Egyptians survive successfully for so long?* All will be revealed...



Year 5 & 6

In science, we have been learning about the male and female parts of a plant and how they are used to reproduce new plants. We dissected different parts of flowers to identify them and sketched what we could observe. We are also looking forward to our Stone Age trip on Monday!



Safeguarding

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

Forest School

