



Friday 6th January 2023

Our vision is 'Let your light shine'. The rainbow symbolises God's unconditional love for each individual. We seek to reflect that light in all we do: in our community, both local and wider, in our communication, both word and action, with curiosity and courage, and with care and compassion for everyone, inspiring a love of learning.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the start of the spring term. It was lovely to see the children return to school on Wednesday and I hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas break and were able to spend some quality time with your family.

Thank you again for your support at the end of last term. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the various events that took place. A special thank you to members of FOWS for their fundraising work, it really is appreciated.

On behalf of all staff, a huge 'Thank You' to the children and parents who brought Christmas cards and gifts at the end of last term. We all really appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity, especially at such a busy and costly time of year.

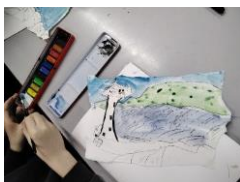
Teachers have shared with you, or are about to share with you, their topic overviews for the term and we look forward to embarking on some more exciting learning journeys. These can also be found on the class pages on the school [website](#).

Our mid-week return to school for the new year has provided the perfect opportunity for the whole school to focus on an extra Art unit, from our new curriculum. Every year group have had lessons from their Painting Pathway, and everyone seems to have really enjoyed the approach.



Year 4 have been working on the skills of Still Life; Year 5 have been looking at landscapes with a Mixed Media approach and Year 6 have been thinking about identity. Year 1 have been using Watercolours and Year 2 have been encouraged to be expressive whilst Year 3 have been working on a pathway called 'Cloth, Thread and Paint'.

From these lessons, the children have then been asked to respond, using the National Gallery Painting, *A Shipwreck in Stormy Seas*, by Joseph-Claude Vernet as part of the Take One Picture Project, which runs annually. We look forward to sharing a Gallery of children's work in the next few weeks from and we hope that the children have come home enthusiastic and encouraged in their creative journey. Thank you to Mrs Pool, our Art Subject Leader, for organising and leading the project.



We are looking forward to an exciting 2023. Have a lovely weekend!

Samantha Dimpleby
Headteacher

Step A and Scarlet Fever

We are continuing to follow guidance from Buckinghamshire Council and UKHSA to ensure our children can learn and develop in a safe environment. Please continue to be vigilant and look out for symptoms in your child. If you think you, or your child, might have scarlet fever:

- ❖ contact your GP or NHS 111 as soon as possible
- ❖ make sure that you or your child take(s) the full course of any antibiotics if prescribed. Although you or your child will feel better soon after starting the course of antibiotics, you must complete the course to ensure that you do not carry the bacteria in your throat after you have recovered
- ❖ keep your child at home until at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection to others

Please keep your child at home if they have a fever or high temperature.

Fresh Start School Lunches



Please remember that meals are ordered and paid for (as applicable) by parents directly with Fresh Start on their website <https://mealmanager.freshstartcatering.uk/>

You are able to order as many or as few meals as you require but meals must be ordered by midday on Thursday for the following week.

FOWS Open Meeting

The FOWS committee would like to invite parents and carers to join them for complimentary tea/coffee/hot chocolate and cakes at 2pm in the school hall on Wednesday 18th January 2023.

This meeting is an opportunity to share ideas for forthcoming events and hear your feedback. It is also a way to get to know who FOWS are and what they do.

We look forward to seeing you there and thank you for all of your continued support.



Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child please contact Mrs Samantha Dimbleby, Mrs Tracy Thomas or Mrs Katie Epps via the School Office on 01296 712296 or alternatively if out of school hours, weekends or holidays visit <http://www.bucks-lscb.org.uk/concerned-about-child/> to report your concerns. For more safeguarding information please visit our website.

Internet Safety - 'Netiquette'

The online world can be a difficult place for children to navigate safely and appropriately. [Internet Matters](#) have created a list of what they think are the top "Internet Manners" (or netiquette) to help your children get to grips with behaviours that can help maintain a safer – and happier – Internet.

We have enclosed their top 12 tips below. Please share these with your children and encourage them to adhere to them when online.

Top Internet Manners

internetmatters.org

As the online world becomes a bigger part of our daily lives, it's important to make sure we all, especially our children learn the difference between good and bad behaviour online.

To get started see our top internet manners to encourage us all to make the online world a kinder place to be.

1. Treat others as you would like to be treated
2. If you wouldn't say it to someone in person, don't say it online
3. People can't see your facial expressions or hear the tone of your voice online so don't over-use icons and punctuation to convey meaning
4. Don't make a situation worse by provoking people even more
5. Don't start rumours or spread gossip about someone online
6. Don't make fun of someone in an online chat
7. Post things that will inspire and motivate people in a positive way
8. Make sure you don't create a negative environment in an online world or game through name calling
9. Include people in online games and social forums, and don't intentionally leave people out
10. You can't retrieve material once it's sent or posted online so if it might embarrass you or someone, don't put it online
11. Respect other people's privacy
12. Respect other people's time and bandwidth by avoiding posting too much information

Spring Term 2023 Events

Please see below our spring calendar of events for your immediate attention. This will be published on our school website and updated as appropriate.

Date	Event
Wednesday 4 th January	Children return to school
wc 4 th January	Take One Picture Arts Week
Wednesday 18 th January (2:00pm – 3:00pm)	FOWS Open Meeting for parents
Tuesday 24 th January (9:00am- 10:00am)	Phonics Information Session for Reception and KS1 Parents
Thursday 2 nd February (10:00am)	Rainbows Pre-School Open Morning
wc Monday 6 th February	Children’s Mental Health Week
Tuesday 7 th February	Safer Internet Day
Date TBC	Internet Safety Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 7 th February (5:00pm- 6:00pm)	Year 6 SATS Information Evening for Parents
Thursday 9 th February (9:00am – 10:00am)	Reception and KS1 Maths Stay and Play Session
Friday 10 th February 2022	Interim Report to Parents
Friday 10 th February – Monday 20 th February	Smarties Challenge
HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Monday 13 th February – Friday 17 th February)	
Monday 20 th February	Children return to school
Monday 20 th February (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 22 nd February (4:30pm – 7:30pm)	Parents’ Evening
Tuesday 28 th February (5:00pm- 6:00pm)	Year 2 SATS Information Evening for Parents
Thursday 2 nd March (10:00am)	Rainbows Pre-School Open Morning
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
wc 13 th March	Science Week
Friday 17 th March	Red Nose Day – non-uniform fundraising day
Friday 17 th March	FOWS Mother’s Day Gifts Sale
Tuesday 21 st March – Thursday 23 rd March	Year 4 Woodrow Residential
Tuesday 21 st March	Reception and KS1 Stay and Read Session
Wednesday 22 nd March	Reception and Y6 Group Photographs
Thursday 23 rd March (10:00am)	Rainbows Pre-School Open Morning
wc 27 th March	Year 3 Bikeability
Friday 31 st March	FOWS Break the Rules Day
Friday 31 st March	Last day of term
Easter HOLIDAY Children return on Monday 17 th April 2023	