



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 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,

This week we have been exploring the theme of 'connections' in support of Children's Mental Health Week. The children have discussed the different ways that we can connect with each other and how connection is not just through words; it is also about eye contact, facial expressions, gestures and touch. The poem 'Together,' by the poet Matt Goodfellow was shared at the start of the week to illustrate how we are all connected and how important this is to our mental wellbeing.

*Together we join to celebrate.  
Together we clap and cheer.  
Together we watch improvements and face the things we fear.  
Together we grow and develop.  
Together we all belong.  
Together we make mistakes and learn about right and wrong.  
Together we praise the gentle, the kind, the strong, the brave.  
Together we share achievement in a thousand different ways.  
Together we'll finish the journey, wherever it started from.  
Together we are tomorrow.  
Together we are one.*

On Tuesday it was Safer Internet Day. Established by the UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC), Safer Internet Day is celebrated around the world and this year the theme was 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'.

Safer Internet Day provides us with a great opportunity to have a conversation with our children about their online lives as well as provide us with an opportunity to brush up on our own knowledge of all things online with lots of resources and online activities available.



### Let's Chat

The NSPCC provide fantastic advice on how to start conversations about Online Safety with your child, including how to tackle difficult conversations. You can find out more here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

We would like to invite all parents and carers to an **Online Safety Information Session** on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February @6:00pm** in the school hall.

The session will be delivered by Alison Watts, a Buckinghamshire School Improvement Advisor and is aimed at helping parents and carers understand their child's online world, building confidence to have those important conversations that can help keep children safe online and help with knowing where to go for help and advice. We hope you will set time aside in your busy schedules to attend this really important meeting.

I hope you have a wonderful half-term and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February when the children return to school.

*Samantha Dimpleby* Headteacher

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

## Child of the Week

All our children seek to 'Let their light shine' as they reflect our Christian values in their daily life. Many congratulations to the following children this week who have shone particularly brightly and been awarded 'Child of the Week':

Year 1: Isabel & Elijah

Year 2: Frankie & Esmae

Year 3: Chloe & Noah

Year 4: Chloe & Pisces

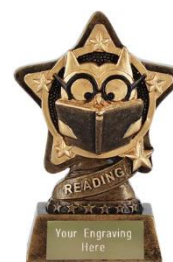
Year 5: William & Charlie

Year 6: Stephen & Arthur

## Accelerated Readers

The following classes have been awarded the Reading Trophies this week for completing the most Accelerated Reader Quizzes:

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| 2AF |
| 3CC |
| 4KF |
| 5DB |
| 6FD |



## Interim Reports and Parents' Evening

Interim Reports will be sent home with your children today, reporting on their achievements and progress at the half way point in the year against the National Curriculum. These also include information about their behaviour and learning attitudes.

We feel it would be beneficial for you to spend some time sharing and discussing this report with your child. There will be an opportunity to discuss any concerns arising from the report or answer any other questions you may have at the forthcoming Parents' Evening in the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> February.

## St Laurence Church Choir

The church choir currently has vacancies for junior choristers. Choir practice is at 6:30pm on Friday's with most services at 9:30am on Sundays. There is no singing experience necessary, just a willingness to learn. This is a great opportunity for children to be part of traditional choral music free of charge, as well as developing transferable skills such as teamwork and responsibility.

Children 5+ of any faith or world view are very welcome to join. For more information please contact Derry French at [choir@winslowbenefice.org.uk](mailto:choir@winslowbenefice.org.uk)



## FOWS Smarties Challenge

FOWS have given every child a tube of Smarties to take home. Please enjoy the Smarties and then fill the tube up with any donation, seal the tube, and return to the class teacher by **Monday 20th February**.



**The class with the best average donation per child will win a prize.**

## Staff News

On April 2nd, Mrs Nichols and Mr Wright will be running the London Landmarks Half Marathon.

Mrs Nichols will be running for Tommy's - a charity dedicated to finding causes and treatments to save babies' lives, as well as providing trusted pregnancy and baby loss information and support.

Mr Wright will be running for Talk Club - a talking and listening club for men, offering talking groups, sports groups and therapy to help keep men mentally fit, improve mental health and wellbeing and prevent suicide.

If you are able, and would like to donate and support these very worthy causes, or you would find out more information about the charities, please follow the links below.

Thank you,

Mrs Nichols and Mr Wright

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/steve-wright1328>

<https://llhm.tommys.org/fundraising/Lucy-Nichols23>

## Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child please contact Mrs Samantha Dimpleby, 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.



## What can we do even better as a school?

If you have any comments or suggestions, please do get in contact with Mrs Dimbleby via the school office, or better still, come and chat to her at the start or the end of the day on the playground.



## Diary Dates Spring Term 2023

| Date   | Event                                       |
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| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February   | Children return to school                   |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February   | Online Safety Workshop for children in KS2  |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February (4:30pm – 7:30pm) | Parents' Evening                            |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February (6:00pm)  | Internet Safety Parent Information Evening  |
| Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February  | Year 5 Space Day                            |
| Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February (5:00pm- 6:00pm)   | Year 2 SATS Information Evening for Parents |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March (10:00am)   | Rainbows Pre-School Open Morning            |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March   | World Book Day                              |
| wc 13 <sup>th</sup> March  | Science Week                                |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March  | Red Nose Day – non-uniform fundraising day  |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March  | FOWS Mother's Day Gifts Sale                |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March – Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March   | Year 4 Woodrow Residential                  |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March   | Reception and KS1 Stay and Read Session     |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March   | Reception and Y6 Group Photographs          |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March (10:00am)  | Rainbows Pre-School Open Morning            |
| wc 27 <sup>th</sup> March  | Year 3 Bikeability                          |
| Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March  | FOWS Break the Rules Day                    |
| Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March  | Last day of term                            |
| Easter HOLIDAY<br>Children return on Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023                                      |   |