



Dear Families

What a busy week in school! A big thank you to Joanna and her team – Prayer Spaces was an enormous success and linked so very well with our Big Question Days.

Our Robins have looked at how they could make a place special for their visiting pirates. Having visited Prayer Spaces in the library and seen how the team had changed the area they are going to think about how to create their own special place in their classroom next week. Next door, our Woodpeckers were talking about their own special places and why they are special – “A special place is special to you.” “It is somewhere I like.” “I can have fun there.” “I go there to calm down.” They then moved on to thinking about why the church is a special place to Christians and comparing churches to Jewish synagogues. Having talked about their own special places, the Woodpeckers then thought about churches as special places to Christians; making comparisons with Hindu shrines and Temples – “Christians don’t have to go to church to pray ... they can pray at home.” “Hindus have shrines in their homes.” “Christians don’t have shrines but they may have a cross or candle to remind them of God”. Having looked at places that are special to Christians, Muslims and those of no faith, our Owls dismantled their classroom and made their own special places. They quite happily told visitors why they had made the choices they had “The canopy makes us feel safe – the enclosure is cosy.” “The coloured blankets symbolise happiness – particularly the bright colours.” “Our place is special for everyone; so you can pray or just think.” “We chose the blue rugs to represent our house – Pegasus. It brings us together.” “We chose black fabric as it makes the light reflect better. It symbolises light winning over darkness. The darkness represents evil and the light good.”

**Year 1 / 2 Families**

Monday 16th January	Year 1 Phonics meeting for parents @ 3.10pm
Tuesday 17th January	Year 2 SATs meeting for parents @ 3.10pm

**Parents of Nursery Aged Pupils**

Just a quick reminder that the closing date for primary applications is this Sunday – 15 January 2017.

Any application received after midnight on Sunday will be classed as a late application and will not be processed until the second allocation round.

**Marvellous Marble Maze Mission:**

Dear All

We are planning a whole school Science competition (in school), as part of a larger Woodstock Schools’ Partnership event, and so we will need lots of simple junk modelling resources. School will be able to provide many resources, but any of the following would be very gratefully received from you:

cardboard tubes/boxes; pipe cleaners; cardboard; foil; yogurt pots  
bottle lids; newspaper ; cotton buds; drinking straws; lolly sticks; plastic spoons

Watch out around school for posters and details! Many thanks for your support. Mrs Kelly

**Clubs**

Monday	Football (SW Coaching)
Tuesday	Crafts (Years 1,2 and 3 - £1 per week donation)* and SATs (Year 6)*
Wednesday	Homework (Years 3 – 6)*
Thursday	Funky Hip-hop / Street Dance (SW Coaching)
Friday	Multi-skills

PLEASE CAN YOU MAKE SURE WE HAVE PERMISSION SLIPS FOR ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOL RUN CLUBS\*

**Emergency school closures**

Although ‘snow’ has been mentioned in the media this morning, current advice is that it will affect the north west of the country as well as Scotland. In the event of bad weather, please listen to BBC Radio Oxford, Heart FM and Jack FM for confirmation of any school closures. Every effort will be made to open the school but final decisions will be based upon the health and safety of both pupils and staff.

**IMPORTANT – changes afoot in Bletchingdon Primary School!**

**From February half term there will be a change in how we communicate with you electronically and how you will pay for lunches / school trips**

**Thank you for returning your contact detail forms – if you have not returned it, we will assume your details have not changed.**

**Dates for your Diary**

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1 Phonics meeting for parents @ 3.10pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 SATs meeting for parents @ 3.10pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	KS1 visit from Kidlington Fire Crew
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 SATs meeting for parents @ 7pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Heights and Weights for Reception and Year 6
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Term resumes
Wednesday 23 <sup>d</sup> February	Scholastic Book Fair arrives (until Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	School Photographer
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Service at St Giles (TBC)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Eggstravaganza and Easter Bonnet Parade
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up at 1.30pm for Easter Break
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term

**Have a good weekend.**

Yours sincerely

Louise Hatton and the team

**Headteacher**