



Dear Families

We've had a very good first full week with lots of learning going on everywhere. In just one day I saw practical maths in Woodpeckers, yoga in Robins, Stigg of the Dump reading in Kingfishers and Real PE in Owls. We have acquired lots of junk modelling (please don't stop) and have settled into our new routines. I'd like to thank everyone; staff, parents and children for their patience with the internet, and a special thank you to Jackie who has had to cope with all the hassle and endless calls to the 'provider!'

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to our open classrooms session on Monday 17th September from 3.00-3.30pm. Miss Follen will be on a course on Monday so I will be there to show you around the classroom. Please do try to come.

Mrs Karen Donaghey  
Headteacher

### **NUTS**

We now have several people in school with a nut allergy one of which is severe so like many schools these days, we ask you not to send your child to school with nuts for either snack or lunch. We need everyone to be safe in school and worrying about contact with nuts can be very stressful and the consequences life-threatening We are now a nut free school.

Thank you very much for your co-operation with this.

### **Outdoor Footwear and Forest School**

Robin Class and Woodpecker Class are doing Forest School on site with Mrs Donaghey on Thursday afternoons. Please could all children have wellies in school that day.

**CLUBS** – please contact the office to sign up.

Breakfast Club is very quiet! We need 5 children to make it work, please let us know if you would like a place or to have a FREE trial day next week. Cost is £3.50 from 7.45am-8.30am and includes a drink and cereal bar. Please speak to Jackie.

### **Sports Clubs**

SW coaching shall be running a multi-games Sports clubs on Monday afternoons from 3.00 - 4.00pm. This club is for children in years 1-6 and will start on Monday 17th September.

Miss Follen will continue to run Zumbacise on Tuesday afternoon from 3.00-4.00pm. Children in KS2 are welcome to attend.

Miss Follen shall also be running a Health and Fitness Club during lunchtimes for children in the Woodpecker and Kingfisher class. More information to follow.

### **Choir**

Mrs Walker will be running a choir during lunchtimes for children in Years 2-6. We plan to go to Festival of Voices in the summer so this will be a wonderful start.

### **Art Club**

Miss Shuff and Miss Ferens are offering an Art Club for October and November on Mondays after school. The cost for 7 weeks is £10.50 to cover the materials. (Please leave cash with Jackie in the office in a named envelope)

### **Homework Club**

Mrs Donaghey will run a homework club on Thursdays afternoons 3.00-4.00

## PTA UPDATE

### Sensory Garden

We are pleased to announce that the schools Sensory Garden project has been selected for Tesco's Bags of Help scheme. Customers vote for their favourite local charity project via blue tokens given out free at the checkout, with the winning project receiving £4,000, second place £2,000 and third £1,000.

Our project will be voted for during September and October in the Kidlington Metro and Witney stores; this is a fantastic boost to our fundraising so please do ask for a blue token if you head to those stores. We will let you know the result of the voting in November.

### Good Luck!

We would like to wish James McBain very best of luck for the Berlin marathon this Sunday; this is the last event in the 2018 Bletchington Sporting Challenge.

A huge thank you goes to those families who have participated in and supported us, so far we have raised an amazing £7,317 for 3 fantastic charities, the school will receive a third of the money raised.

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/bletchsportingchallenge>

IMPORTANT DATES	
Monday 17th September –	Open classrooms 3-3.30pm
Tuesday and Wednesday 16th 17th October	Parent-Teacher meetings
Friday 19th October	Harvest Celebration in the hall
HALF TERM 22-26 OCTOBER	
Monday 29th October	INSET
Friday 17th November and bring a donation.	Children in Need fundraising-wear spots
Tuesday 11th December	Nativity
Wednesday 12th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 14th December	Christmas Jumper Day
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 24 DECEMBER -4 JANUARY	
Tuesday 22nd January TBC	All Bletch Read followed by Parent and carer school lunch
Monday 11th February	Maths Day
HALF TERM 18-22 FEBRUARY	
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Friday 5th April	Easter Bonnets and Eggstravaganza
EASTER HOLIDAY 8-22 APRIL	
Week beginning 13th May	SATS week KS2
Wednesday 22nd May	Y6 to Marlborough
Tuesday 18th June	Y6 to Marlborough
HALF TERM 27-31 MAY	
Wednesday 10th July	End of year production Matinee
Thursday 11th July	Y6 to Marlborough
Friday 12th July	End of year production Evening
Week beginning 15th July	Sport, Fitness and Health week
Friday 19th July	Sports Celebration
Wednesday 24th July	Goodbye Assembly
SUMMER HOLIDAY	

More dates will follow