



Dear Families

My goodness these weeks fly by! This week in school our Robins have been exploring 3D shapes and using them to print and build with, whilst our Woodpeckers have been focusing on word classes (nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs) as well as money. Yesterday they also had a very exciting visit from the Kidlington fire crew. Children in our Kingfisher class have been looking at perimeter of 2D and rectilinear shapes as well composing their own Titanic diary entries. Our Owls have been researching mythical creatures in preparation for their own story writing as well as painting bottles. On Wednesday, they had a rugby coaching visit from Year 8 students at the Marlborough which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

#### **Year 1 and 2 Parents**

Thank you to our KS1 parents for attending our Phonics and Y2 SATs workshops. Parents of Year 2s should now have received a glossary of grammar and punctuation terms

#### **Year 5 and 6 Parents**

Just to let you know that we have a PGCE student Miss Taylor joining us on the 6<sup>th</sup> February for seven weeks.

#### **Teaching Assistant Appointment**

I am delighted to say that we have successfully appointed a teaching assistant who will work alongside Miss Follen in our Year 3 / 4 class. Thank you to all our applicants and to our Year 4 pupils who were incredibly supportive and politely shared their insightful opinions with me. Miss Jacques will not be joining us for a few weeks.

#### **Radio Oxford**

I would just like to say 'thank you' to Philippa Dellar and Louis Tweddle who (rather last minute) accompanied me to Radio Oxford last Monday morning. They cheerfully greeted me in the village at 7.30am and we made our way along the Banbury Road. A production assistant had called the school last Friday as they were looking to speak to a school that had a school dog – thus, Tia came too! You were a credit to your families and great ambassadors for our school. Thank you also to your parents who had to get you up and ready extra early.

### **IMPORTANT – changes afoot in Bletchington 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.**

**After half term, our newsletter will be distributed via Parent Mail and displayed on our website**

#### **School Website**

Our brand new school website has been live for two weeks now. We're really pleased with it but would appreciate some feedback from you. In particular, we would like to know whether you are finding it user friendly to access and read from i-phones, android phones and tablets. Please could you take a look this weekend and then let us know what you think. We want to meet with the developer shortly to make the final tweaks and amendments - to do this effectively we really need to know what our users think.

#### **World Book Day**

Please look out for information nearer the time. We will be holding some sort of event to mark the occasion during the week that we have the book fair.

#### **Reverend John Gareth Miller**

Just to let you know that the Induction and Installation of Rev. Miller will be taking place at the end of February. We look forward to welcoming Gareth into our school community.

#### **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

**Dates for your Diary**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> FebruaryWednesday 8<sup>th</sup> FebruaryThursday 9<sup>th</sup> FebruaryFriday 10<sup>th</sup> FebruaryMonday 20<sup>th</sup> FebruaryWednesday 23<sup>d</sup> FebruaryThursday 2<sup>nd</sup> MarchWednesday 5<sup>th</sup> AprilThursday 6<sup>th</sup> AprilFriday 7<sup>th</sup> AprilMonday 24<sup>th</sup> April

Year 6 SATs meeting for parents @ 7pm

Heights and Weights for Reception and Year 6

SPAG workshop for parents and pupils in Year 2

Last day of term

Term resumes

Scholastic Book Fair arrives (until Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February)

School Photographer

Easter Service at St Giles (TBC)

Eggstravaganza and Easter Bonnet Parade

Break-up at 1.30pm for Easter Break

Summer Term

**Have a good weekend.**

Yours sincerely

Louise Hatton and the team

**Headteacher**