



Dear Families

Thank you so very much for supporting our World Book Day celebrations.

During 'Bletch Book Day' our Owl class studied the wordless picture book 'Unspoken' by Henry Cole. It tells the story of an abolitionist family during the American civil war that helped slaves escape using the underground railway. The children investigated Polaris - the star the slaves used to navigate their way North, how abolitionists left patchwork quilts outside to indicate a 'safe house', what individual liberty means and finally they collaboratively wrote a narrative to the pictures. "*What would you do if you had the chance to help a person find freedom?*"

Our Kingfisher Class focused on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. They drew Willy Wonka based on the descriptions from the book, created a peacock word bird with their favourite wow words from the story and finally invented their own colourful sweets and chocolate which Willy Wonka could make in his chocolate factory.

Looked fabulous as their book characters, our Woodpecker class and spent the day immersed in the land of dragons, inspired by the book *Tell Me a Dragon*. They created and designed their own dragons and wrote about their special features.

Our Robins enjoyed retelling the Pete the Cat story *I love my white shoes*. They made their own books and created prints.

**Welcome** to both Mrs Jacques (our new teaching assistant) and Rev Gareth Miller (our new Benefice Rector).

### **Shrove Tuesday**

This has caught us out a little as there has been such a lot going on in school. However, Shrove Tuesday is this coming Tuesday so we will be pancake racing. This event takes place annually and is a key tradition here at Bletchingdon. Please could all your children bring in a frying pan and pancake that they can use for 'tossing'. The race itself will take place in the MUGA and will start at 2.15pm. You are all invited to come along to cheer the children on ☺. Please could the recipient of the 'Rose Bowl' please kindly return it to Jackie – thank you.

### **Swimming**

I hope you will have seen the swimming payment email alert from Jackie, asking for voluntary contributions of £10 per child towards swimming for pupils in Yr 3, 4 & 5.

### **Book Fair**

This will continue next week on both Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 3.00 – 3.30pm. The children will be given their £1.00 book tokens today

### **Year 2 Parents**

The second of our KS1 SATs workshops for parents and Y2 pupils is taking place next Wednesday afternoon at 3.00pm in our Woodpecker classroom.

### **Tempest School Photographer**

Our school photographer is visiting next Thursday. She will be setting up in the small hall and taking toddler and sibling photographs from around 8.30am. **IF** siblings are both of school age, these photographs will be taken later during the morning.

### **Head lice**

Just to let you know that we have head lice in school again. Please can we ask that all children's hair is checked for evidence of both eggs and live lice over the weekend.

Please refer to <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

**Dates for your Diary**

Wednesday 23 <sup>d</sup> February	Scholastic Book Fair arrives (until Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Shrove Tuesday
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	School Photographer
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Service at St Giles (time to be confirmed)
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**

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**Church News**

If your child would like to attend the Easter Workshop on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April from 10 – 12.30pm please do contact Jo Cropp [jocropp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jocropp@hotmail.co.uk) or 01869 343962 or Natasha Pitts [justinpitts@btinternet.com](mailto:justinpitts@btinternet.com) or 07810521412