



NEWSLETTER NO 8 – Monday 6th February 2023

	Term Begins	Finish	Half Term	Return	Term Ends
Spring 2023	Thursday 5 January	Friday 10 February			Tuesday 21 February
Summer 2023	Monday 17 April	Friday 26 May		Tuesday 6 June	Friday 21 July
Autumn 2023	Monday 4 September	Friday 20 October		Monday 30 October	Friday 15 December
Spring 2024	Thursday 4 January	Friday 9 February		Monday 19 February	Thursday 28 March

Inset Days: 20 February 2023, 5 June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

It was a pleasure to welcome so many of you into school last week for Learning Discussions - lots of proud parents and children as it should be! Many of you took the opportunity to feedback to myself and the Governors during the evening but please do continue to let us know how you found the organisation and nature of the appointments. Please note that although we reintroduced access to children's books at Learning Discussions, we will continue to provide an open classroom opportunity each term.

Incidents in School & Parental Behaviour

It has unfortunately come to my attention about a number of parents who have taken matters into their own hands when dealing with incidents which took place and were addressed in school. This has sadly included online abuse on social media platforms. It is understandable that parents will be upset and concerned about their children's well-being in these circumstances, but this does not justify the behaviour some of our parents have chosen to exhibit.

Please can I remind parents that such matters should be brought directly to school so that we can manage these within our policies. Despite the regular reminders and reassurance given to the children about speaking to staff, not all incidents are brought to our attention. Even when speaking to staff, children can misunderstand and are quick to focus on the actions of others rather than consider their own involvement. Inevitably, some children will also put their friendships and self-preservation ahead of the truth. Our staff will always take the time to speak to all parties and ensure parents are informed of what has happened to the best of their knowledge and how it has been dealt with. Subsequent conversations between staff and parents are essential so that we can see the full context of an incident, which is not something all children fully remember and share on their return home.

If at any point you have concerns over an incident, or you do not feel a situation has been dealt with properly by a member of staff in the first instance, this should be brought to the attention of Miss Weeks, Ms Lee or myself as the Senior Leadership Team. Thank you.

Cedar House Reward Day

Congratulations to Cedar House (yellow) who filled their House tube last week! Cedar are invited to wear their own clothes on Thursday 9th February as a reward day. Please remember that all clothes should be practical for lessons as all learning continues as normal.

Safer Internet Day 2023

Tomorrow, 7th February, is Safer Internet Day and Mr Seymour lead a whole school assembly this afternoon to remind the children about using the internet safely and their responsibilities if anything were to concern them. The following link is a short video for parents and carers and please remember the other links and resources around e-safety on our website:

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=rl_gZTQ9F7w

The Roving Bookshop

A reminder that The Roving Bookshop will be on site this Thursday 9th February. Classes will all be visiting during the school day and parents are invited to browse and shop after school until 4.00pm - please collect your children as normal first. **Flyers and money envelopes will be provided to your children over the next day or two. Please note we are providing the World Book Day vouchers to the children early as these are accepted against purchases from The Roving Bookshop.**

New Library - Sponsor a Book

Thank you for your support and encouragement around the new library project. Further to last week's letter, the children have been introduced to the book wish-lists, artefact competition and 'Sponsor a Book' opportunities. Several parents have asked about donating nearly new books but for the time being please can we prioritise new books; after The Roving Bookshop visit and once the book budget has been exhausted, we will know how much space we have left. Please note new book donations do not need to be purchased from The Roving Bookshop, however the school does earn commission to buy further books. Whilst other book sellers are available, our PTFA does benefit from Amazon purchases via the AmazonSmile initiative - further information on our website.

S4A Holiday Club

Please follow the link to the half term holiday activity club taking place at Wingrave School during half term.

<https://s4asports.co.uk/overstone-holiday-club/>

Scooting & Cycling

In the interests of everyone's safety, please can we remind parents that children should not be cycling or scooting anywhere on the school site. Children should please dismount and walk their scooter or bicycle to/from the racks provided.

INSET Day

Please remember that Monday 20th February is a staff INSET day and that the children return to school as normal on Tuesday 21st February.

Absence from School

Please remember that it is school policy for parents to report their child's absence from school, initially by telephone on the first morning using the absence option, followed by a letter or email on their return. If a reason for absence is not provided, an unauthorised absence may be recorded.

Wishing you all a good half term week.

Mr M Tomson
Headteacher

Congratulations

Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:

EYFS	Izzy, Toby	Year 3	Alfred, Autumn
Year 1	Wilf, Willow	Year 4	Ernie, Joshua
Year 2	Bradley, Thomas A	Year 5	Ruby, John
		Year 6	Whole class for exceptional writing Whole class for planning, preparation and execution of whole school fundraiser

DATES FOR THE DIARY (New items or amendments in bold)

9 Feb	Roving Bookshop
9 Feb	Cedar House reward non-uniform day
10 Feb	PTFA Mother's Day Gift Room cash pre-order deadline
w/c 13 Feb	HALF TERM
15 Feb	PTFA Mother's Day Gift Room online pre-order deadline
20 Feb	Inset Day
21 Feb	Children return to school
21-23 Feb	Year 5 Bikeability training
2 Mar	World Book Day
2 Mar	PTFA Discos (EYFS & KS1 5.00-6.00pm, KS2 6.30-7.15pm)
7 Mar	Year 1&2 Great Fire of London workshop
8 Mar	Year 6 Hazard Alley (knife crime)
9 Mar	EYFS Animal encounter workshop
14 Mar	Year 6 visit to Metro Bank
17 Mar	Red Nose Day
23 Mar	EYFS & Year 6 NHS Height & Weight Screening
31 Mar	Easter church service, 9.30am
