



### NEWSLETTER NO 9 - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019

	Term Begins	Finish		Return	Term Ends
Spring 2019	Thursday 3 January	Friday 15 February	Half Term	Monday 25 February	Friday 5 April
Summer 2019	Wednesday 24 April	Friday 24 May		Tuesday 4 June	Wednesday 24 July
Autumn 2019	Wednesday 4 September	Friday 25 October		Monday 4 November	Thursday 19 December
Spring 2020	Tuesday 7 January	Friday 14 February		Monday 24 February	Friday 3 April

Inset Days: 2 January 2019, 23 April 2019, 3 June 2019, 2 September 2019, 3 September 2019, 6 January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

#### Heating Update

Repair work on our heating system begins this week with new pipes being laid to bypass where the problem is believed to be. As this work is mostly external it can continue during the school day without interrupting learning; elements of the work in classrooms will take place at the weekends. The electric heaters we are using are very efficient and we will continue to make the most of them in the meantime. I am sure you will join me in thanking the children and staff for their patience and resilience regarding the current complications.

#### Housepoints

We are very excited to announce that after a very tense and competitive term that Redwood and Birch, having both filled their housepoint tubes this week, are to be awarded a house mufti day - well done everyone! This will be held on Friday 25th January and the children in those houses will be welcome to wear their own clothes; please make sure clothes are suitable for lessons as normal (including outdoor learning) and the cold weather. Cedar and Maple are not far behind so it won't be long until they achieve their reward too!

#### Exemplar Education

A few parents have approached the school with various feedback regarding Exemplar Education for which we are grateful. We are often asked by parents for advice or information about additional learning provision and this was an opportunity to signpost one option - beforehand we spoke to a couple of schools who were positive of their experience over several years.

Please do not feel pressured to commit to Exemplar in any way - there are many different providers of tuition online and in person available and this must be your decision as parents as to whether this is appropriate for your children. Please do keep us informed of your experience so that we can consider carefully any further dealings with the company. Thank you.

#### Security and Safeguarding

Please can we ask that in the interests of safeguarding and security that children are not spoken to or handed items through the school fence during the school day. We have had a couple of incidents where passers-by using the footpath have distracted children during play times causing concern for staff and local residents. Any forgotten items should please be taken to the school office so that they can be passed on. Obviously we are grateful for the community's vigilance in looking out for the children's well-being and any concerns should continue to be reported to the school office or directly to Mr Tomson or Mrs Brown.

#### Parent Views Questionnaire 2019

Thank you to everyone who has completed the online questionnaire already; it is designed to collate parent views of our school over the past year for evaluative and development purposes. If you have yet to complete it, could you please spare a few moments to do so as we would be very grateful of your support and encouragement - the questionnaire will be open for completion until the end of January. The link can be found in today's newsletter email as is intended just for our parent community - thank you.

#### School Closures

With the possibility of snow forecast next week, a brief reminder that the official county site for school closures is <https://closures.buckscc.gov.uk/Search.aspx> This will also notify information regarding school bus transport and pass information to local radio Mix 96.

### Absence from School

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

### Breakfast Club

Just to remind parents that as previously mentioned, the Breakfast Club provision which started in September has not been as well supported as the parent survey suggested it might and the school continue to make a loss whilst we staff it. The daily rate continues to be reduced to **£3 a session**. The school would require at least 6 bookings in order to sustain this provision. Sessions can be booked via the ParentPay portal but if you require further information, or if you have specific reasons or circumstances which prevent you from using the school Breakfast Club provision, please do contact me in school so we can discuss any concerns and how the school could support you.

### Internet Safety Evening

All parents are invited to attend a meeting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February in the school hall from 7.00-8.00pm. This meeting will be led by PC Briggenshaw from Thames Valley Police. If you are able to attend this meeting, last year the police advisor was very informative and helped us to understand many of the grey areas surrounding Internet safety. He was able to give lots of advice on how we can work together to help keep our children safe and he was very efficient at answering questions about any concerns from parents.

### Congratulations

Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:

Year R	Freddie Frackelton, Cailin Gathercole, Ella Rutland-Baker, Emelie-Grace Stroud, Aidan Westford, Joseph Wilson	Year 3	Lola Buckland, Luke Lawton, Isabelle Mullally, Addison Sulston
Year 1	Leo Fenn, Nancy Huson, Verity Rundle	Year 4	Jessicka Anthony, Alex Cooper, Katie Ellis, Peyton Fallows, Seb Garland, Romeo Pavlicek, Alina Safronova
Year 2	Lucas Gathercole, Isobel Phillips, Barnaby Ratcliffe, Joshua Lawton, Arthur Courtney-Stratful	Year 5	Yasmin Denman, Sorrel Gerrard-Wright, Louis Godfrey, Liam Vasey, Oscar Vincent, Aidan White
		Year 6	Oscar Bunce, Charlotte Hissey, Daisy Sammon, Arthur Swadling, Isaac Williams

Mr M Tomson

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

21 January	<b>PTFA 5p challenge starts</b>
5 February	On-Line Safety Workshop, Yrs 1-6
<b>5 February</b>	<b>Game On Football Club, Yrs 4-6 ONLY</b>
<b>5 February</b>	<b>Parent Internet Safety Evening, 7.00-8.00pm</b>
13 February	PTFA Discos, EYFS/KS1 5.00-6.00pm/KS2 6.15-7.30pm
w/c 18 February	HALF TERM
<b>25 February</b>	<b>Great Fire of London Day, Years 1 &amp; 2</b>
<b>25 February</b>	<b>Metrobank in Year 5</b>
<b>4 March</b>	<b>Metrobank in Year 5</b>
<b>6 March</b>	<b>Usborne Book Fair, 1.30-4.00pm</b>
7 March	World Book Day
<b>11 March</b>	<b>Year 5 visit Metrobank</b>
<b>1-3 April</b>	<b>Bikeability Training, Year 5</b>
<b>8-22 April</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
<b>23 April</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
<b>24 April</b>	<b>Children Return</b>

Bucks NHS Healthcare Children and Young People's Occupational Therapy Department is offering informative talks to parents, staff working with children and staff supporting parents. Please call or email to book a place or for more details as follows:

Telephone: 01296 566045 email: [buc-tr.cyptherapytraining@nhs.net](mailto:buc-tr.cyptherapytraining@nhs.net)

Or visit their website [www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/CYP](http://www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/CYP)