



### NEWSLETTER NO 10 - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 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: 23 April 2019, 3 June 2019, 2 September 2019, 3 September 2019, 6 January 2020

#### Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you all for your understanding regarding the disruption of Friday's Snow Day closure; as you know many members of staff travel a distance to school and with the added complications of heating repairs, the Chair of Governors and I felt this was the best course for action for everyone's safety and well-being. As a result of the freezing weather, there has been a slight delay on the repair work but I hope to have good news for you later this week. Most importantly, please note that the new day for Cedar house to have their mufti-day reward is this **Friday 8th February!**

Thank you to everyone who completed the online Parents Questionnaire; we had about a 50% return based on school family numbers and we are very grateful for your support. Overall the responses were very positive and we will share more details, including a children's summary, once we have reviewed the written comments. Due to the anonymous nature of the questionnaire, if there are any aspects of school life you wish to discuss further please do contact me in school.

#### Internet Safety Day!

Many thanks to the PTFA who funded the internet safety workshops that took place on Tuesday 5th February. The children took part in drama and role play activities to explore how to be safe when using the internet. Here are some quotes from the children:

*'Learning the rap with Super Duper was super cool' - Year 2*

*'It was fun because we got to do lots of games about being safe' Nancy - Year 1*

*We liked learning about avoiding text messages from people you don't know, not giving out your personal information and the Internet safety rap! Sorrel, Aidan and Mina - Year 5*

Thank you very much to the parents that attended the meeting led by Graham Briggins from Thames Valley Police. The information we learned and discussed highlighted the importance of working together and sharing what we know as much as possible to help keep our children safe.

#### World Book Day Celebrations

As we continue to promote the value of reading and the importance of deeper comprehension in school we want to make the most of the World Book Day season over the coming weeks.

Between February 18th and March 3rd we will be running a sponsored reading event, supported by Usborne Books, called **Ready Steady Read** which will help fund new books for the school library and classrooms. More information to follow soon.

Following feedback and requests from parents we are running two **Reading Workshops** to support phonics learning and reading at home. These will take place on:

- Wednesday 13th February, 1.45pm
- Thursday 28th February, 6.45pm

Please email or contact the school office to let us know you will be attending so we can make arrangements for seating and refreshments - thank you.

Finally, as I know so many of you will want to get cracking with costumes, we will be having a **fancy dress day on Thursday 7th of March** for the official World Book Day. Children are invited to dress as a character from their favourite book and if they would like to bring the book with them there will be opportunities for them to use it during activities that day.

#### French Club

Next half term we are trialling a French Club led by Mrs Pope which will be on offer to Years 3 and 4 in the first instance. This was an opportunity identified by parents and will work in parallel with our Year 5 and 6 French provision in co-ordination with Mrs Perkins. Flyers will be provided for the children in the relevant classes but if you have any queries please contact Mrs Pope directly at [lyledrin@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lyledrin@yahoo.co.uk).

### Learning Discussions

Learning Discussion are being organised for Tuesday 5th March and Wednesday 6th March between 4.00 and 7.00pm on both evenings. Appointment booking information will be provided after half term but we wanted to give maximum notice.

### Jupiter Open Class

All EYFS parents are invited to spend the afternoon with Jupiter Class between 2.00 and 3.00pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February joining in their learning.

### Communicating with Class Teachers

Please can we remind parents that first thing in the morning is a very busy time for staff preparing for lessons and settling the children in; it is therefore not an ideal time to speak to them with queries or concerns. Whilst we would encourage you to update your child's teacher with any information which may affect them in school that day, please can we encourage you to preferably contact the school office or provide your child with a written note. In all cases information is passed very quickly through to teachers so we can best care for your children. If more time or information is needed then we can arrange an appointment or phone call with your child's teacher at the earliest convenient time. Thank you for your support.

Mr M Tomson

Headteacher

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### Antibiotic Guardian Campaign

In support of the Buckinghamshire NHS Trust, Ms Lee (PSHE Lead) has been raising awareness in school of the importance of Antimicrobial Resistance, hand cleanliness and personal hygiene. This information was delivered in an assembly, during World Antibiotic Awareness Week. Some of our pupils also chose to enter the Bucks NHS poster and video competition, and I can confirm that Donnie Martin won the poster competition for Years 1 - 3 and Naomi Cooper and Charlotte Hissey won the best song and dance video category.

Antibiotic resistance is one of the biggest threats facing our world today. Bucks NHS Trust is now running a '*Message in a Bottle Antibiotic Guardian*' campaign to raise awareness of the rise in resistant bacteria due to the overuse and misuse of antibiotics. We would like our children and parents to be more aware of the importance of washing hands to stop the spread of infection; keeping up to date with vaccinations; never sharing antibiotics and to know that antibiotics do not cure viral infections. The more people Bucks NHS can reach within the county, the more they can spread awareness of the importance Antimicrobial Resistance.

You can help Bucks NHS protect these life-saving medicines and support the **Antibiotic Guardian Campaign** by signing a pledge and placing it in the bottle that is in the school hall. Ms Lee would like everyone to sign their **own** pledge, of which there are four to choose from:

- I pledge to sing the ABC song when washing my hands with soap and water. Washing hands properly (for at least 30 seconds), especially before eating, is the single **BEST** way to prevent the spread of infection.
- I will visit the E-BUG website ([www.e-bug.eu](http://www.e-bug.eu)) with my friends and take one of the antibiotic awareness quizzes together.
- If anyone in my family is prescribed antibiotics, I will ensure they are taken exactly as prescribed and never shared with others.
- If the NHS offers a flu vaccination for individuals in my family, we pledge to accept.

**NOTE:** This pledge bottle will **ONLY** be in Wingrave School for two weeks so please do pop into our school hall to sign your chosen pledge. If you are unable to get into school, please ask your child to collect your chosen pledge for you so you can sign it and get it back into school by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February**.

### Scatter Cushions

If you have any good, clean unwanted scatter cushions, please donate them to Year 5 for their class reading corner. Thank you.

### Year 1, 3 and 5 Parents

The Department of Culture are surveying how active Year 1, 3 and 5 children are. For this reason Mr Ansell, PE Co-ordinator has uploaded a survey for children to complete in school. In addition there is a questionnaire for Year 1 parents. The more parents who complete the survey, the more equipment we receive. Please complete the survey via the following link: <http://ipsos.uk/DZKfV>

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

4 – 15 February	<b>Message in a Bottle Antibiotic Guardian Campaign</b>
5 February	<b>No Game On Football Club</b>
5 February	Parent Internet Safety Evening, 7.00-8.00pm
8 February	<b>Cedar House mufti-day</b>
13 February	<b>Parent reading workshop – 1.45pm</b>
13 February	PTFA Discos, EYFS/KS1 5.00-6.00pm/KS2 6.15-7.30pm
14 February	<b>Jupiter Open Class, 2.00-3.00pm</b>
18 Feb – 3 Mar	<b>Ready Steady Read</b>
w/c 18 February	HALF TERM

25 February	Great Fire of London Day, Years 1 & 2
25 February	Metrobank in Year 5
<b>28 February</b>	<b>Parent reading workshop – 6.45pm</b>
4 March	Metrobank in Year 5
<b>5 March</b>	<b>Learning Discussions, 4.00-7.00pm</b>
6 March	Usborne Book Fair, 1.30-4.00pm
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<b>7 March</b>	<b>World Book Day – fancy dress as a character from your child’s favourite book</b>
11 March	Year 5 visit Metrobank
1-3 April	Bikeability Training, Year 5
8-22 April	Easter Holidays
23 April	Inset Day
24 April	Children Return

**Church Mice Half Term Activity**

22nd February 2019, 9.30 – 11.00 am

Open to all children 0 - 9 years

Activities to include: paper plate puppets, icing biscuits, potato men, story, games and song

Come when you can

All free - drinks and biscuits too

**Streetlight Charity Bookstall**

In aid of the street children in Manilla

Did you know there is a second-hand bookstall in the Parish Church?

Come along, any time during the day and find a book to read

Every penny of the donation received goes to help this charity that is run by volunteers

Currently we have lots of adult fiction, including some best-sellers. However, we do need some children’s books ... so please put them at the back of the Church if you have any in good condition that your children have read and are willing to part with!

Sarah Kennedy  
School Governor

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Helping our children grow

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**SCHOOL DISCO**

**£2.50 per child**

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**KS1 - 5pm - 6pm**

**KS2 - 6:15pm - 7:30pm**