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"Every Child Every Chance Every Day"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

After School Club

Following some requests from parents we are reviewing whether there is enough interest to provide after school care beyond 4.00pm. If there is enough interest we will look into different options. When Governors previously researched after school provision the organisations we contacted would require us to have between 12-15 children each day and the charge for parents would be approximately £10-£15 per session depending on the number of hours.

If you would like extended after school provision please complete the attached form and return to the office.

Learning Snapshots

This half term our 'Learning to Learn' focus is Perseverance. The children in KS1 and KS2 have been reading the book Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty and carrying out a wide variety of activities linked to the story.

This week we welcomed back artist Merlin Porter who has worked with children from Reception – Year 6 on using different media (coloured pencils, pastels and/or watercolours) to create a fairy tale landscape. He has linked this to illustrations in picture books in preparation for Book Week. It has been lovely to see children having a go at combining different materials to combine bright and colourful illustrations. Some children even told me they had persevered when they found it difficult and their picture wasn't working out in the way they wanted.

KS2 Netball Tournament

On Tuesday, we held our second house sports competition. All the children in KS2 took part in a netball tournament. Despite the cold and windy weather, all the children and the teachers thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We have been talking a lot about perseverance this week and the children definitely demonstrated this in the way they kept trying to succeed and score goals. The children did especially well considering that these were the first matches they had played with our new netball hoops! The teachers were all really impressed with how the children played and how much they improved over the course of the morning. The winners will be announced in assembly on Monday.

Thank you to the coaches from Elite Youth Sports who did a wonderful job of umpiring the matches and encouraging the children throughout the morning. I would also like to say a very big thank you to Mrs Coakley who organised the event. The whole morning went brilliantly and the timings were perfect, so all the matches were completed and no-one had to wait around too long in the wind and cold. We are all looking forward to our next sports tournament and hopefully, a warmer day to do it on!

Book Week 27th February – 3rd March

Next week we are holding our annual book week. All classes across the school will be taking part in a variety of book related activities over the course of the week.

The Bookstore in Abingdon has once again, very kindly, agreed to let us visit throughout the week so children can 'spend' their World Book Day voucher. All children can exchange their voucher for one of the specially published books. If parents want, children from Year 1 – Year 6 may bring a

maximum of £10 to buy a book of their choice. Their voucher will give them a £1.00 reduction on the cost of the book. **Please note children do not have to bring any money as the World Book Day voucher entitles them to a free ‘World Book Day’ book.** All classes (apart from Reception) will walk to and from the bookshop. Please ensure children have appropriate shoes and a coat. If your child suffers from asthma **they must bring an inhaler**, which they need to carry with them throughout the visit. If the school has a child listed as suffering from asthma we cannot take them on the visit unless they bring their inhaler with them. The children in Nursery will be given their books in school. Times of visits to the Bookstore:

Year 6	Friday afternoon
Year 5	Thursday afternoon
Year 3/4 Mrs Abdollahi	Monday afternoon
Year 3/4 Miss Cross	Tuesday afternoon
Year 2	Wednesday afternoon
Year 1	Wednesday afternoon
Reception	<i>To be confirmed.</i> A separate letter will follow. Reception Children will travel by minibus and should not bring money for books

On Friday 3rd March we would like all staff and children to come to school dressed as a character from a book. During the day we will have an assembly to share all the different costumes. Our fundraising group will also be holding a second hand book sale (prices between 10p and £1) in the Main Hall starting at 3pm.

Bacon for Books

Thank you to all who have pre-ordered their breakfast rolls. Even if you haven't pre-ordered you can still pop into the main hall 8-8.30am on Monday 27th (£1.50 each or £2.50 for 2) with your children and enjoy a bacon or vegetarian sausage roll but this will be on a first come first served basis and there is a limited number.

Letters sent this Week

Oxford Castle Trip - Year 1 & 2
Bacon for Books - Whole School
Kingswood Residential - Year 5
Copies of these letters are available at the office.

Achievements - Week ending Friday 10th February

Stars of the Week: Congratulations to the following children who were chosen as stars of the week by their teachers last week: Year 1 – Henry; Year 2 – Ruby; Year 3/4 (MA) – Liam; Year 3/4 (CC) – Leo; Year 5 – Caitlin; Year 6 – Geri.

Attendance: Year 6 had the highest attendance of the week with 99%. Two other classes had attendance over our target of 96%

Learning Hero: Jeremaia (Year 6) was chosen by his class as last week's Learning Hero. The children said his was resilient because he kept on trying with his work. They also said he was reflective because he checks back on what he has done and then improves it.

Writer of the Week: Ben, Charlotte, Maisie (Year 2) were chosen as writers of the week for working together to write a poem about an Artic animal. They thought carefully about the adjectives, nouns, verbs and adverbs they were going to use. They then edited their first draft to produce a final version of their poem.

*Massive teeth, brown and slimy walrus diving quickly
Soft, black and big walrus eating quickly
Ginormous, dark and wrinkly walrus flopping slowly
Long, huge and very slow walrus moaning loudly.*

Yours sincerely,
Mrs A. Grice
Headteacher

If you need extended after school care and are interested in your child attending an After School Club, please complete the information below and return the completed form to the school office.

I would be interested in my child(ren) attending an After School Club:

Name(s) of child(ren):

I would like after school provision to be available until: *(please circle)*

4.00 pm

4.30 pm

5.00 pm

5.30 pm

6.00 pm

I would like my child(ren) to attend on the following days: *(please circle)*

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

I would like the following activities to be available: *(please circle)*

Free play

Homework/reading support

Art/craft activities

Sports activities

Board games

Role play

I would expect to pay £ _____ per session.

I would be interested in child care provision during school holidays *(please tick)*

If you have any other requests/suggestions, please write them below.

Signed:Parent/Guardian