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Spring Term Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a great week. I have enjoyed being back in school this week and seeing all the fantastic learning that is taking place.

Bikeability
A reminder to Year 5 and 6 parents that we have organised Bikeability sessions and you are still able to book on to these. Over the past two years we know children's physical development and activity levels have been impacted by the pandemic and we hope this opportunity will support in rebuilding their strength and confidence. We also believe confidence and skills in riding a bike to be a really important part of a child's development. As you know, road safety is a top priority in this area too, and the sessions will develop children's understanding of road safety and riding on the road. There are countless benefits for the children involved in the scheme and we would like as many children as possible to have this experience. We have a number of bikes that we are able to lend for the lessons, so please do let us know if you would like your child to take part but need them to borrow a bike. If you would like your child to take part we need the form back as soon as possible.

Covid19
I am sure you will be aware that the Covid19 restrictions in England are beginning to be relaxed again. From 27th January face coverings are no longer advised in communal areas. We have asked you to wear face coverings on the school site whilst numbers of Covid19 cases have been high at the school. Although our case numbers do not appear to be reaching the high levels they did before Christmas, we have had cases in school throughout the term so far, and there are a number of current cases. Although face coverings are not required by law from 27th, we do appreciate our community continuing to exercise caution whilst the virus is present in the community. I will keep you updated on how the situation progresses in school and hope that we will see the number of cases reduce to 0 soon.

Employment Opportunity
We had an email regarding care worker vacancies this week and I thought it may be useful to share. Details below:
Care Support Staff wanted

- Earn extra income in evenings and weekends
- Better hourly rates than retail, supermarkets, hospitality, warehousing, distribution
- More flexible hours, work when you wish, no long shifts
- Full time and day-time hours also available
- Walfinch pays top hourly rates in Buckinghamshire
- Mileage allowance paid
- Accrued annual leave pay
- No experience necessary, full training and on-going support given
- Driving licence and car owner essential.

Care staff are required to travel to a number of clients' homes supporting male and female clients to wash, dress, meal preparation and administer medication. Up to approx.15 mile radius from High Wycombe town centre.
All staff are trained and supplied with appropriate PPE in order to keep them and our clients safe. Government guidelines are reviewed frequently and reviewed to reflect best practises of work
Please email your interest for further information to midandsouthbucks@walfinch.com

Friends of Micklefield Library
Please see the poster attached regarding a new friends of the library scheme. We would love for some of our parents to be involved in this. The library is such a valuable resource and it would be fantastic for our school community to be involved in its development.
Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Manning
Headteacher

Growing minds for learning, crafting skills for life

Attendance W/c 10/01/22

Class	Attendance	Lates
Reception	91.9%	1
Year 1	93.4%	1
Year 2	94.6%	4
Year 3	94.7%	7
Year 4	98.3%	3
Year 5	96.3%	3
Year 6	94.2%	1

100%	Excellent
96 – 99.9%	Good
90 – 95.9%	Needs to improve
89.9% or less	Really needs to improve

Community Mindedness Tokens W/c 10/01/22

Year 1	34
Year 2	76
Year 3	14
Year 4	64
Year 5	90
Year 6	89

Coming Up...

Date	Event
25/01/22	**School Individual & in school sibling Photo-graphs** **(No family photos)**
26.01.22	Year 4 swimming starts
02/02/22	Yr 5/6 Squash event @ JHGS 0930—1230
08/02/22	Nursery visit to Micklefield Library
08/02/22	Year 3 & 4 multi skills event JHGS
15/02/22	Nursery visit to Micklefield Library
21/02/22- 25/02/22	**School Closed for Half Term**
25/03/22	Inset Day
28/02/22	School Re-opens (Breakfast Club open at 8.00am)
03/03/22	World Book Day
10/03/22	Reception Height & Weight Checks
08/04/22	School Closes at 2.00pm for Easter Holidays
25/04/22	Inset Day
26/04/22	School Re-Opens (Breakfast Club open at 8.00am)
19/04/22	National Primary Allocation Day—Parents will be sent an email from Bucks CC.
30/05/22- 03/06/22	**School Closed for Half Term**
06/06/22	Inset Day
05/07/22 & 06/07/22	Transition Days
20/07/22	School closes for Summer break **2.00pm finish**
21/07/22	Extra Leave Day

This Week in School...

- **Nursery** have had fun continuing to think about transport, and in particular buses. They created their own class bus and role played being the passengers and driver. The children also made tickets to get on the bus, here some children even tried to write their own name! They enjoyed playing the traffic light game outside and making tracks and patterns with wheels. Thank you to all those parents who have returned the library membership forms. If you haven't already, please could you return the form ASAP so that the library can get the children's membership cards ready for our visit! Core book: '**The Naughty Bus**'. Key vocabulary: **bus, wheels, driver, passenger, journey**. Key songs: '**The Wheels on the Bus**', '**Twinkle Twinkle Traffic Light**'.
- **Reception** This week Reception have been talking about our local area. We have made maps about our journey to school and painted beautiful transport pictures. In Maths, we have been learning about mass and capacity. We have weighed dinosaurs and animals to find the heaviest and lightest. We have estimated how many cups of rice or pasta each container could hold and then checked how much it weighed. Book of the week: '**The Train Ride**'. Words of the week: **map, journey, features**. Keywords: **and, he**.
- **Year 1** are in full swing of the Spring term! In English, we have done lots of learning around our model text 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. In Maths, we have been looking at how many tens and ones are in 2-digit numbers. In Science, we have been exploring the properties of everyday materials and using words to describe them. In PSHE, we have been looking at using the internet and learning how to balance screen time with other activities.
- What a lovely week of learning **Year 2** have had! The children have worked hard and we are all proud of them. This week in Maths, we learned to divide by 2, 5 and 10. Also, we learned to distinguish between odd and even numbers. In Writing, the children had been brilliant in learning and applying their Toolkit. In Topic, we had a great time learning how to make sandwiches and writing our very own sandwich recipe. How can we spot this? We created some wonderful art with focus on onomatopoeia. Have a relaxing weekend and keep up the great learning.
- **Year 3**, are moving into the Innovation stage of our writing journey. This means that we begin to change the base text with Miss Bagguley's support so we can start to write our own non- chronological report (leaflet!) about Wonderland! We are really enjoying reading Alice in Wonderland, our favourite part so far is when Alice meets the Caterpillar. We have also been attempting lots of reasoning problems in Maths as we complete the mastery stage of our Maths unit. Our topic lessons have been really fun! We really enjoyed our lesson exploring and learning the symbols on maps.
- **Year 4** have had a busy week. We have finished learning our Model Text about Kenya and have started to write our own version. Therefore, we have researched information about High Wycombe where we have all learnt some interesting facts about our local area. I cannot wait to see their Independent write, all about St Lucia, next week. This week we located St Lucia and the UK on the world map. The children have also been thinking about their favourite chocolate bars and how they would rebrand them. In Maths we have been investigating division. While in SPAG we have been exploring apostrophes for possession and contraction. Just to remind you that **Year 4 will start swimming next Wednesday, 26th January**, so children will need swim wear and a towel in school on this day. Have a lovely weekend.
- We've had another busy week in **Year 5!** We had our final week of swimming which the students thoroughly enjoyed. Beginning next week, the week beginning 24th January, the **students will no longer have PE on a Wednesday, but a Friday instead**. Please ensure that PE kit is worn to school on Fridays in future. This week, we also had a great time tracking the moon as we finally got a full moon! Ask your children if the moon is now waning or waxing. In Maths, we have practised multiple strategies to multiply and divide larger numbers. From year 5 - have a great weekend!
- **Year 6** have once again shown excellent resilience and determination and have been working super hard all week. They have been working on reflecting and translating shapes in Maths and have moved on to finding angles around on straight lines and around a point. They have also used protractors to measure angles. Ask the children to tell you everything they have learned about geometry so far. In Writing, the children have boxed up their innovation based on the chasing plot- 'The Library'. I am so excited to read their innovated writing next week as they have some great ideas and are raring to write! In Topic, the children have learned about the 4 Caliphs and learned about discoveries made during the Early Islamic Civilization.

Letters/Parent Mail This Week

(Please note—letters are also placed on the school website under the parent tab for your reference)

- Positive Covid19 Cases—Years 2, 4, 5 & 6
- Times Tables Rockstars

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