



Dear Parents,

4<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**GIRAFFE CLASS ASSEMBLY:** Well done to Giraffe Class for their lively and informative assembly this morning. They are clearly enjoying their historical studies. They sang a Stone Age song and recited a Stone Age poem. They also acted out a plant life cycle drama, what a talented bunch! My thanks go to Miss Greatbatch and Mrs Bell for all their hard work with the class.

**SPORT NEWS:** On Wednesday morning I saw lots of glum Year 4 faces arriving at school expecting the tennis tournament, due to be held at Bicester Tennis Club, to be postponed due to the driving rain. Fortunately, like modern-day Wimbledon, an indoor venue for the competition was found and we traipsed through the puddles and torrential rain to the sports centre.

The sports hall had been arranged into 8 courts for our children to play against the other schools (Chesterton, Fritwell, Southwold and Launton). It was difficult to keep tabs on all the games and all the results so the pressure of doing well was taken away and the children were thoroughly enjoying themselves, whether winning or losing. Walking around the sports hall I was really impressed with the sportsmanship the children were displaying and the encouragement they gave to both their teammates and their opposition. With some sublime forehands, backhands, volleys and quick feet on show both teams won a number of games. The A team finished second and qualify for the North Oxfordshire Finals. Well done to all.

Football returned on Thursday and saw the visit of Southwold to King's Meadow. Following mixed results last week the team wanted to finish on a high, and as far up the table as possible. They started well and soon found themselves 2-0 up with some fine finishing from Charlie M and Jack S. Defending as a team, and talking to each other, has blighted the team all season and was again our undoing as Southwold came back and scored 5 goals. A consolation goal towards the end, from Man of the Match Lennon P, was too little too late and Southwold were worthy winners. The A team has finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Bicester School's League for 2018.

What stood out at the end of the game though summed up why I love school sport so much. Charlie M, vice-captain, stood up in front of his team mates at the end of the match and thanked them for a wonderful year and 'the best season ever'. He followed this up by wishing the Year 5's 'good luck for next season'. Thank you Charlie for your kind words and thank you to both the A and B team players for a great year. Good luck to the Year 6's who are moving on to high school football.

Also, good luck to the girl's team tonight who have their final game against Launton. A win will put them joint top of the table!

**ROYAL AFTERNOON TEA:** Thank you to everyone who has already given permission and paid for their child to participate in our Royal celebration on the 18<sup>th</sup> May. The £2 payment can be made via ParentPay.

**FSU NEWS:** The Reception children have been extending the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and planting beans with a partner. The nursery children have visited the woodland area to explore the signs of spring; they have created photo collages of their experience. We are delighted that spring is on the way and this has allowed us to organise an educational visit to Stoke Woods to see the bluebell flowers next Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May, please ensure you make the necessary payments and give your child permission to attend. Many thanks, Mrs S. Obinna FS Coordinator

**PARENTMAIL:** You should have by now have received emails from ParentMail informing you how to register to receive communication from the school. From Tuesday 8th May all emails will be sent via ParentMail only. Please contact us if you have not received a registration email so we can look into this for you.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:** We hope the children are enjoying the after school activities. Please ensure payment has been made via ParentPay if you have not already done so

**PENGUIN CLASS ASSEMBLY:** Next Friday Miss O'Rorke's class will be putting on their assembly. Please make every effort to attend if your child is in this class.

Have a lovely extended weekend

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'e J Daulton'.

**Mrs L Daulton**  
Headteacher