



Dear Parents,

28<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**GIRAFFE CLASS ASSEMBLY:** This morning we were transported back to Roman times by Miss Greatbatch's class. They were all dressed in Roman attire and certainly looked the part. They sang us two songs: one was about Roman Numerals and the other one told us about Roman life. They showed us some mosaics that they had made and demonstrated the way that Roman soldiers fought. It was excellent! My thanks go to Miss Greatbatch, Mrs Devaney and Mrs Bell for their hard work with the class.

**RECEPTION ASSEMBLY:** On Thursday, FSU pupils shared their amazing knowledge of bugs during their parents' assembly. The children treated us to their fantastic singing, acting and fascinating facts about the bugs and insects they have learned about this term. Well done to all the children and a big thank you to all FSU staff for their hard work in bringing this topic to life! Mr Laurie, Deputy Head

**GOVERNOR NEWS:** I am delighted to welcome three new governors to our governing board, all of whom bring with them an incredible wealth of experience and skills.

Valerie Laing (Co-opted Governor)

Valerie brings to the school a huge amount of experience from her voluntary work as a charity trustee and governor, and also financial experience from working in the banking sector. Valerie is currently a volunteer for the Prince's Trust International and has undertaken consulting projects for organisations such as Comic Relief.

Laura Lewis (Parent Governor)

We had one nomination in the recent parent governor election, and Laura has been duly appointed parent governor. Laura was previously a trustee of Jack and Jill Pre-School and as such brings with her a wealth of experience in governance. In her professional life Laura is a solicitor and brings valuable legal skills and knowledge to the board.

Nasiru Mohammed (Co-opted Governor)

Nasiru is a Project Manager in the chemical engineering industry and brings to the school a depth of knowledge and experience in risk management, project management, HR and financial budgeting. Nasiru was educated in both Nigeria and the UK and this gives him a unique and valuable insight into two different education systems. Sophie Hill, Chair of Governors

**KS1 MODERATION:** The Y2 SATs results were externally moderated on Tuesday. This was a long and laborious process involving the Y2 teachers and I am delighted to report that all of their judgements were accepted. They know their pupils and their abilities so well. What a team! Well done to Mrs Ward, Miss Chevis and Mr Laurie.

**Y5 VISIT TO CADBURY WORLD:** On Tuesday, Year 5 were treated to a visit to Cadbury World to find out more about the Ancient Maya civilisation. We were treated to a talk all about the Ancient Maya clothing, belief system and cities. It was fantastic to dress up in the Ancient Mayan clothing and find out how they treated one another. We then had a tour around Cadbury World finding out about the links between the Ancient Maya and chocolate. Luckily, we were given 3 chocolate bars each to remind us of everything we learnt. We had a brilliant time! Mrs Powell, Y5 teacher

**DIGITAL LEADERS:** Last week, the current digital leaders (George and Joe) interviewed the Year 5 children who had been shortlisted to replace them next year. The candidates were all amazing and impressed us all. This made the decision really difficult but we wish to congratulate Lilly, Akeria, Kai, Isaac, Dariana and Ewan for being selected as next year's digital leaders. I am really looking forward to working with you all next year! Mr Cox

**Y6 POLICE WEEK:** This week Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed Police Week. We have had visits from local PSCOs to talk to us about the phonetic alphabet, antisocial behaviour and the age of criminal responsibility; an armed response vehicle complete with all of the kit that they use; road traffic officers; riot police who let us dress up in their gear and completed the bleep test with us and finally today Passing Out Parade and the mounted section with two of their horses. A huge thank you to PC Vicky Lees who has organised this eventful week, it has been amazing! Mr Cox, Y6 Teacher

**FSU NEWS:** This week both Reception and Nursery have been having lots of fun practicing for our sports day on Monday, 9am. We are all looking forward to you watching us and hope you will be able to join us. Please can we remind you to provide your child with a hat, water bottle and apply sun cream as the forecast is for warm weather. In Nursery we have been reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar and clapping the rhythms in rhyming stories and poems. We have also been creating patterns using different shapes and colours. The Reception assembly yesterday was fantastic, full of music, song and fascinating facts about 'bugs'. I certainly learned something about why bees die after they sting. I really enjoyed their adaptation of 'We're going on a bear hunt' to include a range of bugs. The children also joined KS1 playtime this week in preparation for their transfer to Year 1. Karen Rainer FS Co-ordinator

**ATTENDANCE:** The attendance for the school this week was 95.96%

- Yellow Wagtail – 92.50%
- Red Kite – 96.00%
- Bluebird – 96.25%
- Kingfisher – 96.15%
- Puffin -91.48%
- Swan – 96.15%
- Flamingo – 95.19%
- Lion – 96.33%
- Giraffe – 96.67%
- Eagle – 95.33%
- Penguin 96.77%
- Snowy Owl 98.85%
- Leopard 96.54%
- Elephant 95.86%
- Dolphin 97.93%

The best class this week was Snowy Owl class with 98.85%. Well done!

#### **IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:**

- The new School Development Plan was presented to the staff and governors by the priority leads in Monday's staff meeting
- The staff had a 'twilight' working session on Wednesday evening to plan the new, exciting curriculum
- I attended the Bicester Headteachers' meeting yesterday
- The FSU staff carried out some home visits for our new starters

**HEALTHY SCHOOLS WEEK:** Next week the children will be working off timetable and concentrating on all things healthy. The Life Bus will be here from Monday to Thursday and each class will spend time on it learning how to make good life choices. The teachers have planned an array of interesting activities, including some healthy cooking. Sports Days also take place next week. We have included reserve sports days in the event of poor weather conditions. Please come along and support your child as they compete. The Sports Days are as follows:

- FSU – Monday 9am
- KS2 – Tuesday all day with parents invited from 1pm onwards
- KS1 – Wednesday all day with parents invited from 1pm onwards
- FSU and KS1- Thursday reserve sports day (9am and 1pm respectively)
- KS2 – Friday reserve sports day 1pm

A polite reminder that all photographs taken are for your own personal use and not to be shared on Social Media, Thank you.

**SNOWY OWL CLASS ASSEMBLY:** Next Friday Mrs Powell's class will be putting on their class assembly. Please make every effort to attend if your child is in this class. Refreshments will be served at the end.

Have a good weekend

Mrs L Daulton

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Headteacher