



Dear Parents and Carers,

24th June 2022

SWAN CLASS ASSEMBLY: Thank you to the children of Swan Class who invited us to join them in time travelling back 1500 years to share their work. The children first stopped off in 1952 to investigate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. We then visited the North Atlantic in 1912 to learn about the tragic sinking of the Titanic. After a brief stop in 1666, where we learnt about 'The Great Fire of London', we jumped to the middle ages to learn about the legend of Robin Hood. Finally, we travelled to a time around the year 500, where the children told the story of King Arthur and the Sword in the Stone. It was a thoroughly entertaining assembly which included Queen Elizabeth I meeting Queen Elizabeth II and comparing their lives. Well done, Swan Class. Thank you to Miss Chevis, Mrs Knights and Miss Stevens for your hard work in producing the assembly.

RECEPTION ASSEMBLY: The Reception classes treated us to their assembly on Wednesday morning and the 'Aah' factor was in abundance. They showcased work from their study of, 'All Around the World'. They performed a routine to, 'Giraffes Can't Dance' which was most enjoyable and sang a couple of songs including a very catchy Calypso one. They also told us about their taste testing of fruits encountered in the book, 'Handa's Surprise' – unsurprisingly avocado was not a big hit! They finished off their assembly with a wonderful rendition of, 'God save the Queen'. My thanks go to Ms Rainer, Mrs Fowler, Miss Nicholls, Mrs Holt, Mrs Beckett, Mrs Upton, Mrs Herring and Mrs Jordan for all their hard work with the children.

FESTIVAL OF VOICES: On Wednesday, the choir visited Dorchester Abbey, to take part in the Festival of Voices. The choir have worked hard over the last few months to learn the songs and the words. We joined four other schools from Oxfordshire at the beautiful Abbey. In the morning, the children worked hard to rehearse all the songs with the conductor and the amazing live band. After a picnic lunch in the sunny Abbey Gardens, it was time to perform to the audience of parents and our local Cherwell DC Councillor. The children sang their hearts out and were clearly enjoying themselves. The combined choir made a fantastic sound and everyone enjoyed making music together. Ms H Scott & Mrs C Spearman, Music Coordinators.



POLICE WEEK: This week year 6 have become trainee Police Officers. We have learnt about road traffic policing, crime prevention, the phonetic alphabet and CSI. We also had visits from police dogs, participated in the bleep test and took part in a passing out parade. The children have also written letters to parents and carers about inconsiderate parking, we have attached a couple of excellent examples by Chui-Ha and Liv. We would love to see as many year 6 parents as possible at the end of the day today, to visit our crime prevention event. Mrs R. Powell & Miss L. Golden, Y6 Teachers.

FSU NEWS: This week, in Reception we performed our assembly based on our travels around Africa and the Caribbean. The children were amazing in rehearsals over the past couple of weeks, learning songs and words quickly, which they delivered with great volume. We have been making instruments in the junk modelling area to play alongside our 'steel drums'. It has been a noisy week. In preparation for sports day next week, we have been practising some of the skills we will need. Skipping with a hoop has been somewhat of a challenge and we have seen some 'persevering parrots'.

This week the Ducklings have continued with their farm topic. We have particularly been learning about goats and sheep. We have explored fleece and have seen how people turn it into wool for clothes and blankets. In the woodlands, we have continued practicing how to make a spark using the firestick.

SPORTS NEWS: On Thursday, the year 5 boys travelled over to St.Edburg's for the final of this year's B league. They knew they were up against a very good team having been comfortably beaten in the group stage however, the year 6's performance last week gave them hope of an upset. There was a great atmosphere building when we arrived with a crowd in excess of 100 people. I think this had an impact on our boys as they made a very nervous start to the game. They seemed to forget what we had done so well in the previous games and went chasing the ball all over the place instead of staying in position and talking to each other. Before we knew it, we had fallen 3-0 down and St.Edburg's were threatening our goal every time they came forward. The introduction of Max A seemed to give the team some great energy. He showed the team how to tackle and carved out a number of opportunities for himself and Yousef. Unfortunately, we couldn't take any of these chances and St. Edburg's were able to score another 2 goals before the final whistle.

A disappointing end to the season for the boys but they should be very proud of reaching the final. With all the children only in year 5, they will get another chance next year. They are already talking about winning the A league next year! Well done to the whole team and a big thank you to the supporters who attended.
S Roberts PE Coordinator

SPORTS DAYS: Next week we will be holding our Sports Days and we are very excited to be welcoming you onto the school field to watch the fun - the last time we had spectators was in 2019! The days and times are as follows:

- KS1 – Monday 1pm
- FSU – Wednesday 9am
- KS2 – Wednesday 1pm

For KS1 and KS2 Sports Days the gate at the front of the school will be opened from 12.55 – 1.10pm to allow spectators to enter the school grounds. For site security, the gate will remain locked from 1.10pm until the end of the events. Unfortunately, due to our safeguarding protocols, it will not be possible for parents to enter the cloakrooms to use the toilets as these are used by our pupils. On both days the school hall will be in use for dancing or gymnastics lessons and therefore cannot be used to enter or leave the school. I thank you in advance for your adherence to these requests.

FSU parents should go to the sports field after drop off. The school gate will be opened at the end of the races to allow the spectators to leave.

We ask that the children come dressed in their PE kits with a top in their house colours:

- Thames – Blue
- Derwent – Yellow
- Severn – Red
- Avon – Green

HEALTHY SCHOOLS WEEK: Next week the children will be off timetable and enjoying Healthy Schools Week. The teachers have planned an interesting array of 'healthy' activities, for example cooking and mindfulness, for your children to participate in and I am sure that they will all have a lot of fun.

DANCING SCHOOLS UK FINAL: On Sunday our Y4 and Y6 dancing teams are participating in the final at The Royal & Derngate Theatre in Northampton. They have all worked tirelessly to perfect their routines and I am sure that they will do well. I am disappointed not to be able to watch them compete, but the members of staff who will be in attendance will feed back to me.

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:

- On Monday Mr Laurie and I attended Safer Recruitment Training at Brookside School
- Miss Chevis and Miss Ryczowski carried out curricular scrutinies on Monday and Thursday
- Mrs Bell, Mrs Tugwell, Mrs Smith and Mrs Targus Stone attended Diabetes training on Tuesday
- Mrs Ward and Mrs Fowler led Family Links Training on Wednesday
- There was an information evening for new Reception parents on Wednesday evening
- I attended a meeting with the other Bicester Head Teachers yesterday

LEOPARD CLASS ASSEMBLY: Next Friday Miss McGuire’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 available at the end.

PTA MEETING: There is a PTA meeting on Wednesday at 7pm in school. Please come along and see how you can get involved in raising funds for the school.

MRS BECKETT: I am sad to report that after 17 years at the school, Mrs Beckett is retiring at the end of this term. She is a very popular member of the team with staff, parents and pupils and she will be greatly missed.

ATTENDANCE: The attendance for the school this week was 94.91%. The class with the highest attendance this week was Red Kite class with 99.50%. Well done Red Kite class!

Bluebird: 90.00%	Yellow Wagtail: 89.50%
Red Kite: 99.50%	Puffin: 87.00%
Kingfisher: 96.00%	Swan: 95.52%
Flamingo: 95.67%	Giraffe: 95.93%
Lion: 94.64%	Eagle: 97.14%
Penguin: 97.86%	Leopard: 98.67%
Snowy Owl: 95.86%	Dolphin: 93.00%
Elephant: 95.99%	

SUMMER TERM AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Please note that the following clubs will NOT be running next week due to staff training:

- Thursday 30th June: Stay & Play, Homework Club, Digital Leaders, Table Tennis, Tech Time

Zumba and Soccer Life will be running next week as planned.

NURSERY INFO MEETING: On Tuesday 28th June at 3.30pm, parents of children who will be joining Nursery in September, are invited to attend a Parents Information Meeting. If this applies to you, please try and ensure that you attend.

PTA DISCO: Disco Tickets are available to purchase from PTA events from Monday 27th June to Wednesday 6th July at 3.30pm. Full details will follow in due course.

PTA SUMMER FAYRE: The Summer fayre is on Saturday 2nd July 12-3pm. It will be a great day out for all the family. There will be tombolas, games, bbq, tea room, bar, classic cars, bouncy castles and more. This can only happen with your help so please email the PTA (or let your class PTA rep know) if you can help even for an hour. You can also help by donating good condition school uniform, books and teddies. These can be dropped off at the school office. Another way you could help is by making a cake for the Year 6 tearoom, this can be brought to the school office on Friday 1st July (ingredients included please).

NON UNIFORM DAY: On Friday 1st July, children can wear their own clothes in exchange for a tombola prize for the Summer Fayre:

FSU (Nursery and Reception) and KS1 (Year 1&2)

Please fill an empty jar or pot with any of the below:

- Sweets (wrapped please)
- Stickers
- Small toys
- Craft
- Anything that fits in a jar that a child would be happy to win (eg no pasta sauces please)

KS2 (Year 3-6)

A bottle, such as:

- Wine
- A non-alcoholic drink
- Bubble bath

Please remember to return your raffle tickets to school, there are some great prizes to be won, please see the attached document containing full details.

Have a lovely weekend



Mrs L Daulton
Headteacher