



**Friday 9th February**

Thank you to everyone that attended Parents evening on Monday and Thursday this week. We hope that you found it informative.

As this busy half term draws to a close, we hope that you all have a super half term break. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Clubs**

After half term, our after school Busy Bees Clubs line up is changing a little once again, to offer some variety to the children. Mrs Wibberley. Goring Robins Coach, will be returning to Coach her very popular Boys' Football Club for KS2. This gets booked early so be quick if you would like a place. Mrs Peates is running Craft Club once again. The creations from craft club, which started this term, were fabulous so we are delighted to have this for a further half term. The ever-popular Lego Club will continue with Mrs Wibberley and a new club for this term is being run by Caroline Tye. She is offering an Art Club for KS2. Caroline is very talented and we are delighted to be able to offer this opportunity to the children. Club bookings go live on ParentMail from 6:30pm today so please sign up quickly before places are gone!

### **Parent/Governor Vacancy**

We currently have a parent governor vacancy on our Governing Board - please see attached letter and nomination form for further details. The closing date is midday on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Arriving at School**

Please can we remind you that the gates open in the morning at 8:35am and close promptly at 8:45am. If your child arrives after this time then they will be marked in the register as late.

### **Lunch menus**

The menus have now been updated in ParentMail ready for you to order meals for after half term. Please note the hot tomato pasta previously offered is now back on the menu.

Could we please take this opportunity to remind you of a couple of things:

If your child does not have lunch pre-ordered and doesn't bring a packed lunch in from home, ABM caterers will provide a packed lunch. If you pay for lunches, this will be added to your account in ParentMail and will need to be paid promptly.

The cut off for you to order lunch is midnight the day before. If you need to order after this time, please speak with the Office.

### **Coffee Morning**

Thank you to everyone that attended the coffee morning, we hope that you found it useful.

### **World Book Day in School – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Your child is invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. Your child will also be coming home with a World Book Day voucher today which is valid from 15/2 – 31/3/24 which enables your child to pick up a free book from participating retailers.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/participating-retailers/>

## Class Updates

<b>Oak</b>	<p>The children have had a super time and made really good progress in their learning. Thank you for all the support you give them at home!</p> <p>For half term, as it is pancake day on Tuesday, we thought it would be really good for children to learn about the traditions of shrove Tuesday. If your child can draw and label their picture of their pancake and any toppings it would be wonderful to bring them back into class to show everyone. Please can we also request junk modelling for after half term. Have a lovely week.</p>
<b>Hornbeam</b>	<p>Hornbeam have wrapped up the year in style with some fantastic recount writing. As part of our Explorers topic, we have been creating a diary entry as if we were Neil Armstrong writing about our experience, being the first person on the moon. In maths we have built on last week's addition topic and instead this week learnt how to count back using a number line as well as calculating how to find the difference. Finally, as part of our computing this week we have looked at types of technology we have at home as well as those people who rely on technology to be able to work.</p>
<b>Beech</b>	<p>Beech class have spent this week using the laptops to research world habitats. We enjoyed using the National Geographic website to find out facts about the plants and animals that live in different habitats. After half term, we are going to use the shoe boxes you all brought in to make our own mini word habitats using a range of art resources. In maths this week, we have been using fruit and sweets to make groups to divide and multiply. We have been working really hard to use the correct mathematical symbols to solve some tricky problems too! In P.E, we created routines to African drumming music and enjoyed sharing these with the rest of the class.</p>
<b>Ash</b>	<p>In Ash class this week, we have been researching, planning and writing biographies of our chosen children's authors. We are looking forward to sharing some of our writing about Roald Dahl, J.K. Rowling or David Walliams in class. In Science, we have continued to explore our topic on Light and Dark, thinking about shadows and testing the best materials for blackout curtains. Finally, to end the week, we have been sewing the finishing touches to our Seascape Art project.</p>
<b>Rowan</b>	<p>This week, we went on a visit to the library with Oak Class to help teach them about the library's history. The children were fantastic, showing great responsibility when walking with Oak, and sharing their knowledge about schools in the Victorian times. We have left our Victorian School booklets to be displayed in the library. Do look out for them if you pop in. We have also been learning about 'all possibility', or 'correspondence', problems in maths. The children have demonstrated excellent systematic recording when solving these problems as well as learning a formula for working out how many possibilities there will be. In English, we have been learning about non-chronological reports and writing our own reports about Woodcote. We have also written some fabulous stories in our independent writing session. Have a lovely half term break everyone.</p>
<b>Maple</b>	<p>Our final week of the half-term has seen us polishing off many areas of our learning. In English we have wrapped up our book 'The Longest Night of Charlie Noon.' We loved this book and urge any of you to check out some other books by the author Christopher Edge. We've looked at many different areas of SPaG this week, including silent letters and have started to bring relative clauses into our own written work. Maths has seen us continue with multiplication, this week exploring long multiplication that breaks down numbers into simpler chunks. We'll be continuing to work on this alongside division after half term. This week also saw us wrapping up our flag designs for Woodcote, producing some amazing geometric Islamic art and digging into 'Children's Mental Health Week' by thinking about what matters to us. I'd finally like to say a big thank you to every parent that joined us this week for parents evening. It's always a pleasure to talk about your children and I'm looking forward to the rest of our year together!</p>
<b>Willow</b>	<p>This week Year 6 have written formal letters in response to one received from a character in our book- The Girl of Ink and Stars. We have tried to use a range of adverbials to begin our sentences rather than just beginning with pronouns. In Maths, with have drawn all of our knowledge about fractions together to answer word</p>

problems based on these. We found drawing bar charts really helped us understand the 'Whole' and work out the fractions. In Science, we were rather stunned to find out how we see colour and how small the amount of visible light is to the human eye. In fact, we then began to question exactly what colour everything we see is. Have a great Half Term

Reception and Year 4 children took a trip to the library on Wednesday to learn all about it's history.



### Important dates

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Spring Half Term
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	National offer Day for Secondary school places
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day in School – please dress up as a character from your favourite book.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	FOWPS – Second hand book sale after school for World Book Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	FOWPS Disco with DJ Ethan – timings to be confirmed.
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	FOWPS Coffee Shop & Uniform sales @ The Old School House
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	National offer day for Primary School Admissions September 2024

### **FOWPS News**

#### **100 Club**

Congratulations to **Katka** who was our £30 January **100 Club winner!** If you would like to be in it to win it next month please email [fowps-pta@googlegroups.com](mailto:fowps-pta@googlegroups.com).

#### **Disco – poster attached.**

Our next **Disco with DJ Ethan** is on **Friday 8 March**. Your help on the night is always very much appreciated. If you can lend us a hand, please sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/DFAXH>. Tickets for the children must be bought online in advance from: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowps-events/>

## Book sale

In celebration of World Book Day, FOWPS will be running a children's second hand book sale. If you are having a half term clear out, we'd love your donations of books in good condition after the break.

## Cabin bingo helpers

Cabin are holding their annual **Bingo night on Friday 15th March**.

For tickets, or If you can spare an hour to help setting up from 6:30pm or taking down at the end, please email [jayne@thecabinpreschool.co.uk](mailto:jayne@thecabinpreschool.co.uk)

## OTHER NEWS

**Nexus Fostering** – flyer attached

## February Half-term Space Activity Days

**Space Activity Days**  
**February Half-term**

Give children the perfect fun-filled space-themed activity day! Exciting and adventure-packed activities, games and sports to keep children engaged during school holidays - promoting creativity, learning, imagination & social skills!

**Mon 12th - Fri 16th Feb 2024**  
9:00am - 4:00pm daily

Ladygrove Community Centre,  
Tamar Way, Didcot, OX11 7UQ

Accepting Childcare Vouchers  
10% Sibling Discount

Full Day £35 per child  
Half Day £25 per child

Scan the QR code or visit  
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## Oxford & Cambridge **Singing** School Easter Course 2024 at Worcester College, Oxford

**Easter Course** - 8 & 9 April 2024 (Monday & Tuesday) for those aged 7-13

**Where:** Worcester College, Oxford.

**Tutors include:** Caius Lee, Director of Music at Worcester College, Oxford and Benjamin Cox, Musical Director and Composer.

**How:** booking is via our website [here](#) Bursaries are available on all our courses

If bringing a friend, they are each eligible for a £20 discount if they use the code **OXFORD20** when booking online, in addition to the sibling discounts they'll automatically receive. Terms apply and the details are online.