



# SPRING

13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

*Nurturing each and all. Guiding, Trusting, Inspiring and Celebrating*

Dear Families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed the festive break. This term looks set to be another busy one with many activities planned. Please look at the school website, in particular your child's class page, to keep you informed and up to date. Each class is immersing themselves in their new topics. Little Minster are looking out for Jack Frost; Dovecote will be finding out about Beyond our Village; Wenrisc will be transported back in time to London and the Fire of London; Charterville and Cotswold will be finding out about life for children during World War II; and Lovell are going on an Italian Escapade!

Visitors and trips are already planned. Yesterday, we had an author visit; today, swimming started for Charterville; Cotswold and Charterville are visiting the Steam Museum in Swindon next week; we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day on the 7th of February; and, at the end of the month, Year 6 will be going to Junior Citizen.



## **Mrs Bradshaw**

We will be saying good-bye to Mrs Bradshaw today as she is starting her maternity leave, a little earlier than planned, but the priority is to ensure that both she and her baby are safe and well. We wish the Bradshaws much happiness and love with the new addition to their family. When she arrives, we will let you know.

**This term our school value is Compassion.**

*Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also care for the interests of others.*

Philippians 2:4

## **Attendance**

The staff and governors, alongside the Local Authority, believe that all pupils benefit from regular attendance and therefore we ask for your support in ensuring that your child arrives punctually and regularly. Arriving late for school impacts your child's start to the school day. Those children, who arrive promptly, are settled and working by 8.50am and therefore increasing their learning time. There is a clear link between pupils' attendance and their achievement at school. We have a duty to involve the County Attendance Team when attendance drops.

If your child is unwell, please ensure that you notify the office before the start of the school day, either by telephone or email. This also applies in the case of dental or medical appointments when advance notice should be given. Where possible, we would ask that appointments are made outside of school hours – thank you.

**Respect, Honesty, Friendship, Compassion, Thankfulness, Wisdom**

## Parking

I'm afraid the new year has started with a number of concerns from our local residents regarding parking around the school. Please can I ask you to park courteously and to ensure that you do not block access to residents drives even when leaving your vehicle for only a couple of minutes.

## Author Visit

*"On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January, we were lucky enough to have Adam and Charlotte Guillain to come into our school. They came in and had a little time with each Key Stage and they told us about some of the stories they had written. It was so interesting! At the end of the day, we were able to buy books and they signed them for us! It was great having them in! Thank you Adam and Charlotte!"* Cotswold Class

## Dinner Money

Dinner money will only be accepted on a Monday, unless your child is ill. Processing monies takes up a large amount of office and teaching time and late money impacts teaching staff and the teaching day.

## School Uniform

Please be reminded that **long hair** must be tied back and that jewellery and Smart watches are not allowed. If your child has their ears pierced, please ensure that they wear only stud earrings to school. Make-up is also not permitted.

## Winter Weather

Should we have heavy snowfall and need to close the school, we will send you a text alert. We will always try to open the school if it is safe to do so.

## School Disco

Don't forget the SKSA are holding the disco tonight. Reception and Key Stage 1 children can boogie on down from 4pm - 5pm and Key Stage 2 from 5.15pm – 6.30pm.



Best wishes,

Catherine Souche.

