



# SPRING

## 23rd February 2024

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

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term. I hope you all had a lovely half term break. This term, we will be celebrating World Book Week and British Science Week. Mrs Bradshaw and Mrs Tudge are busy planning and organising activities and events to enrich our learning in both areas of the curriculum. Further details will follow. As a heads up, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day and we will be inviting everyone to come to school either dressed as a book character or in their pyjamas.

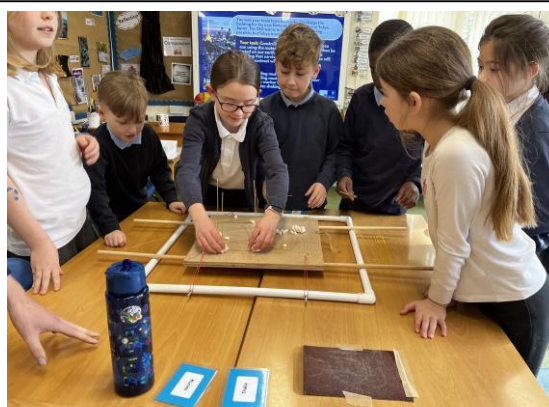
This term, we have welcomed back Breeze (dance teacher), who will be working with Key Stage 2, supporting our Dance unit in PE. Today, we welcomed back Earth Science, who worked with children in Cotswold and Lovell providing us with some earth shattering, out of this world learning! Lovell and Cotswold are off to visit The River and Rowing Museum in Henley as part of their Topic work later in the term.

This term our school value is **Respect**. We will be considering what this means and how we can show respect, both in school and within our community.

*"I believe no matter who you are, respect yourself, respect others."* Mo Farah.

### Dates for your diary:

Spring Term	Charterville Class swimming
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Earth Science Visit Cotswold - Earthquakes, Lovell - Planetarium
4 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Week
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Heights and Measures
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Dance – Burford Secondary School
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day – Non-Uniform day
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Cotswold & Lovell – Rowing and River Museum, Henley



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

### **Punctuality**

Please be reminded that the school gates open at 8.35am and that registers are taken at 8.45am. A number of children are arriving late for the start of the school day and therefore missing important learning time. Missing 15 minutes of school every day adds up to 9 whole days throughout the year!

### **Lockdown Procedure**

As part of our ongoing health and safety procedures and, in line with OCC policy, we will be undertaking a lockdown practice later this half term.

### **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 and nail varnish are also not permitted. PE kits need to be in school all week.

### **Parking**

The PCSO came to school last term to look at the parking issues around the school site, particularly at the rear of the school (Charterville Close). Thames Valley Police will be monitoring the situation so please ensure that you park courteously and safely.

### **Parents' Evening**

Thank you to everyone who attended meetings. If you were unable to attend, please contact the class teacher or the office to arrange a convenient time. This is a really good opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teacher.

### **Oxfordshire Raise a Reader**

On Thursday, we were lucky enough to invite Emma and Ali, from Oxford University Press, into school. They have created a wonderful library space in 'The Hive'. They have unpacked 500 new books and sorted them into an organised and inspiring reading space; we can't wait to start using it! Children will be able to start using the library during World Book Week and then will be able to visit the library weekly. Please look after all our new books as they are very precious! Cotswold Class were lucky enough to be the ones to open our library and it was given a 5 star review! We are hoping this space will further encourage reading for pleasure.



Best Wishes,

Catherine Souch

