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24th February 2023

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 and enjoyed the sunshine. Next week, we will be celebrating World Book Week and, each day, we will all be involved in different book-related activities. Each class will transform their classroom doors into a book cover. We have already started receiving entries for the photography competition – “caught in a book” (reading somewhere unusual) and we will be buddying up to share books across the school. On Monday 27th February, we will again be holding a Book Swap, so please bring in a book that you no longer want (in good condition) to swap for a new one. On Thursday 2nd March, we will be dressing up to mark World Book Day and we are asking everyone to either dress up as a Roald Dahl character or come to school in their pyjamas.

This term, we have welcomed back Breeze (dance teacher), who will be working with each class, supporting our Dance unit in PE. Lovell are off to visit The Mad Museum in Warwick as part of their Design and Technology learning. We will all be involved in British Science Week from 13th – 17th March and supporting Comic Relief on Friday 17th March – further details to follow.

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.

Congratulations Mrs Bradshaw!

I am thrilled to be able to tell you that on Wednesday 15th February, Mrs Bradshaw gave birth to a beautiful baby girl – Eleanor Rose – weighing in at a bonny 8lb 15oz! We all send her our love and best wishes and will keep our fingers crossed that the Bradshaws don't have too many sleepless nights!



Attendance

As a school, we have a duty of care to safeguard all our children. Ensuring children attend school regularly is part of the safeguarding duty for both school and parents/carers and absences MUST be recorded in registers with reasons for the child not attending each day. If your child is absent, please notify the school office each day that your child is away, either by email or telephone. All absences will be followed up. Please ensure that your contact details are up to date.

We want all our children to strive for 100% attendance.

Since September 2015, the government classifies a child to be a persistent absentee if their attendance is 90% or below.

Attendance Percentage	Number of sessions missed	Equivalent number of days missed	Equivalent number of weeks missed	Equivalent number of lessons missed
100%	0	0	0	0
95%	19	9 ½	2	48
90%	38	19	4	95
85%	57	28 ½	6	143
80%	76	38	8	190
75%	95	47 ½	9 ½	238
70%	114	57	11 ½	285

Punctuality:

Please be reminded that the school gates open at 8.40am and that registers are taken at 8.50am. 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!

Parking

The new PCSO, Helen Murray, came to school last term to look at the parking issues around the school site. Thames Valley Police will be monitoring the situation so please ensure that you park courteously and safely.

Best Wishes,

Catherine Souch

