



BENSON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Providing a rich,
stimulating & enjoyable
environment, where
children can begin their
learning journey &
prepare for adult life*



NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 10

Message from Mrs Crolla

Our value for this term is: Forgiveness

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the last edition of the newsletter for this term. A huge thank you for all your support over the last few weeks, especially with homework projects which are amazing. The school, like many others, has experienced the seasonal flu and other bugs. Hopefully next week the children will have time to fully recover and we will return to some warmer days. On behalf of the team, I would like to wish you a happy half term break.

Key Dates

February

9.2.18 Maple Class Celebration Assembly

19.2.18 Term 4 Begins

26 & 28.02 Parent's Evenings

March

1.3.18 World Book Day

2.3.18 FoBS Chocolate Bingo

7-9.3.18 Book Fair

9.3.18 Chestnut Class Celebration Assembly

15.3.18 FoBS Film Night

23.3.18 Hawthorn Class Celebration

Assembly

29.3.18 Term 4 ends

April

27.4.18 Sycamore Class Celebration

Assembly

Congratulations to:

Years 5 and 6 pupils who won the Athletics
Tournament.

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners:

Charlie

Connor O

Hollie

Oliver

Elvie

Olivia

Aoife

Agatha

Beth





Attendance

In line with the attendance policy, I am unable to authorise any family holidays in term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances. For any appointments or time out of school, please complete an absence request form found on the school website. For exception=<http://www.bensoncofeprimary.org.uk/key-documents>

Where unauthorised holiday is taken, this will now be followed up with a county monitoring letter.

Traffic News

Oxford Road is due to experience traffic restrictions again so please be aware of this at the start of Term 4.

Please switch engines off whilst you are waiting to either drop off or collect your children. Idling causes unnecessary fumes.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We currently are in need of a lunchtime supervisor for Thursday and Friday between 12pm and 1pm. Please enquire at the school office if you are interested in this position.

Parent's Evenings 26th and 28th February

These seem to have come around again very quickly!

Please add these dates to your diaries. This is an opportunity for teachers to report on your child's attitude to learning, their progress and behaviour whilst providing you with the opportunity to share any concerns. Next step targets will be shared at this meeting.

Music Service Workshops

The Music Service again plans to run its Workshop week beginning Friday 18th May through to Friday 26 May. Each workshop runs from 1pm until 6pm which will necessitate those children taking part to be out of school during the afternoon. The application form stipulates that the parents' first action is to seek prior permission for children to attend, using the form on the school website.





Reading

Reading is the gateway to learning across the whole curriculum. Good reading skills enable your child to develop a love of books, whether they be fiction or non fiction whilst developing important skills. This does require regular practise though.

Children from Nursery through to Year 6 should be encouraged to read daily if possible. They do notice adults reading as good role models.

Please find below some suggestions to support reading at home:

Willow and Elm Classes: It's all about the talk. Share books discussing pictures, reading left to right, book covers and blurbs on the back. Use lots of rhyming books which develop the ability to hear and recognise rhyme. Also share traditional stories and nursery rhymes.

Oak and Chestnut Classes: Phonic knowledge and the ability to recognise high frequency words are important here. Share a variety of books, sometimes reading to your child so that they can hear you modelling expression and the use of punctuation. Ask your child questions about the events, the feelings of characters and their own feelings about the book. This will develop comprehension skills.

Maple and Ash Classes: Continue to widen the range of genres with your child e.g. newspapers, magazines, chapter books. Continue to ask your child questions about their book and check that they understand new words/terminology. It is often useful to have a dictionary to hand so that they can look words up. Comprehension skills are really important here.

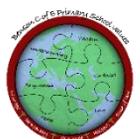
Sycamore and Hawthorn: Continue to widen the range of texts that your child reads e.g. poetry, historical fiction, legends. Children need to consider word choices for their effect on the reader, the author's viewpoint, structures of texts and be able to identify the feelings or motives of characters. Where children are reading more independently, do encourage them to have a dictionary to look up unfamiliar words that they don't understand.

Useful links:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/reading-at-home>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/primary_support

Please do ask teachers at Parent's Evenings, if you require any help with this.





Wake Up, Shake Up Every Friday at 8.30am

Well done to all the children and parents participating so far. Do encourage your children to take part. This is to promote active children and mental well being.

Athletics

Congratulations to those children from Years 5 and 6 who won the recent tournament. They showed great sportsmanship and determination. A wonderful result. Thank you to parents for helping with transport.

Year 3 and 4 Mixed Football

Well done to all the children who played football last night. They demonstrated great support for each other, super skills and sportsmanship. Thank you to all the parents who came along to watch or helped with transport.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Emma Long who has accepted a position at a school in Didcot. This will mean career development for Miss Long as she assumes the position of Inclusion Leader. Miss Long will be leaving at the end of the summer term. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and she will be sadly missed.

School Lunch Menu

Unfortunately, our lunch provider does not take account of school holidays when they compile the menus. Please ensure that you check the dates because the first week of a new term won't necessarily be Week 1.

Follow us on Twitter @BensonCofE

Teachers will **trial** this over the next term to share photos of learning or celebrate curriculum news with our followers. **Main school notices will still be shared via the School Website and text messaging service.**

For Safeguarding reasons, this is a closed group so if you wish to follow us, **please email your name and twitter handle to the office when you request via the twitter page. This just tells us who you are if we don't immediately recognise you.** Please be patient whilst we add those requesting to follow us. We aim to share other sites that may be of interest to you as parents. Please note, no photographs of children will be shared without parental permission.





Happy half term to everyone, wishing you all a lovely break, here is the FoBS update

Bags 2 school - A big thank you to Alice Jones-Evans for organising another clothing collection and another huge thank you to all the parents who brought in their second hand clothing, together £96 was raised for FoBS. The next collection date is set for April, so keep hold of any unwanted items till then. What's coming up in the FoBS calendar?

Friday 2nd March - Chocolate Bingo night - Tickets on sale now, a great family evening organised by Anna Sen. Tickets sell out fast and forms came out in the book bag this week, if you can't find yours, the form will be available on the FoBS page of the school website after half term.

Saturday 10th March - Mother's Day Cake sale - Last year we raised £446.00 holding a Mothers day cake sale on the Saturday before Mothering Sunday at Bob's Corner (the space by the Chemist) - Krysia Hill is kindly organising it again this year... **but we need your help! Can you bake us a cake and would you like to help out for an hour on the morning? You can bring your cake donations either to the school on Friday 9th or straight down to our pitch on the Saturday morning.**

Thursday 15th March - Film Club - Another hot date in the children's diary, this time Film Club will be open up to all children from reception upwards. Film TBC and forms will be coming out after half term. Thank you to Marie Finch for organising this. If you can help out at Film club please let us know asap either via the office or our Facebook page.

Friday 20th April - Family Ball/Disco - Due to the popularity of the school discos FoBS have decided to go one stage further this Easter by organising a larger event at the Parish Hall. Marie Finch is currently putting together the finer details but we hope to open this event up to all families who live in Benson and the surrounding area, hope to see you there.

Sunday 20th May - Thames Run/Crowmarsh Gifford Fayre - Last year FoBS raised a whopping £614.00 with Tea Vintage at this event. They have just booked us for another year. If you would like to help out at this event please let us know. We also need a huge amount of donated baked items as it is so busy, so please dig deep and bake for us again. FoBS are happy to reimburse any cost from parent bakers, just keep your receipts.

Saturday 30th June - School Summer fayre - Get this date in your diary, a great way to kick off the summer

What have we been spending the FoBS money on?

Did your child love the visit to see the Nutcracker at Christmas? Did you know that FoBS paid for all the coach travel to make this trip possible? We have also committed to do the same for December 2018 where the whole school will go again to the Cornerstone to see a festive performance

Has your child recently been on a school trip? FoBS would have made a contribution towards this to bring down the costs

Have you seen the lovely new benches in the Forest area of the school? FoBS have paid for these Is your child in years 5 and 6 and looking forward to their annual trip to PGL. FoBS make a yearly contribution towards this.

With your help and time, however much you can give, makes such a difference to what we can raise and what we can contribute to the school. Its not just about the money its about providing activities that the children love and will remember!

Jo



Full Circle Sports Holiday Sports & Activity Camp



Come and join us to make friends, learn new skills and have fun!

Children age 5 to 13 years can participate in an exciting programme of indoor and outdoor activities, led by qualified and enthusiastic coaches.

Activities include: Trampolining, Climbing Wall, Martial Arts, Cycling, Zumba, MultiSports, Hockey, Football, Basketball, Cricket, Rounders, Tennis, Badminton, Tag Rugby, Dance Workshops, Arts & Crafts and much more!

Dates: Tuesday 13 to Thursday 15 February

Time: 9.30 to 4.30pm (extra time of 8.30am to 5.30pm available - charges apply)

Venue: Wallingford School Leisure Centre (OX10 8HH)

Cost: £32 per day (sibling and full week discounts available)

We are also running Focus workshops, 9.30 - 3.00pm -

Tuesday 13 Feb - Football

Wednesday 14 Feb - Climbing

Cost £35

We are OFSTED registered and accept Childcare Vouchers.

For more details or to reserve your places -

Email - sam@fullcirclesports.co.uk

Call - 07751 231 090

Details and booking form also available at: www.fullcirclesports.co.uk

What's on in half term?

http://www.roalddahl.com/museum?gclid=CjwKCAiAqvXTBRBuEiwAE54dcJqjAlQS6PjU9WMdwBm1Q2p4qhJu83av9xUIEQKfi7ciW1NtuGMDqxoC1pEQAvD_BwEOxford

Story Museum

<http://www.storymuseum.org.uk>

Pitt Rivers Museum

<https://www.prm.ox.ac.uk>

