



*Be strong and  
courageous.....for the  
Lord your God is with you*

Tuesday 04 March 2025

Headteacher's Newsletter No 7

Dear Parent/Carer.



We have had a wonderful start to the half term and there is so much to look forward to over the coming weeks including class trips, Energize at The Swan, World Book Day and a book fair, a school disco and the Easter egg hunt! Please check emails and the website to keep up to date and do follow us on social media to see all that is going on.

### **Lent**

During Lent each class will ask the rest of the school to support their Courageous Advocacy Project directed by the Project's class teacher. Our theme is still Generosity and giving back to our community as we prepare to celebrate Easter.

### **Staffing**

#### **Return from Maternity Leave**

I am very pleased to welcome back Mrs Margerison who will return today in her role as Assistant Headteacher for 4 days a week.

### **Ash Wednesday – Ashing**



This week is the beginning of Lent and we are pleased to welcome Reverend Anthony from All Saints High Wycombe and Robyn Connelly, Children and families minister from All Saints, who will offer ashing to anyone who wants it. It is wonderful to be able to engage with Lent traditions in a really tangible way.

### **Lent**

During the period of Lent, as a whole school, we will try to give something back, not give something up. Taking time to reflect on the difference generosity can make in our own lives, as well as the lives of others, contributes to the spiritual, moral and character development of pupils.



### **Lent Assembly Timetable**

This year we are focusing on one of our Courageous Advocacy Project each week and one-year group will ask the rest of the school to support that project as directed by the Project's class teacher.

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- Week 1 (24<sup>th</sup> Feb) - Year 6 - Improving our school grounds
- Week 2 (3<sup>rd</sup> March) - Year 5 – River Wye
- Week 3 (10<sup>th</sup> Mar) - Year 4 – World Wildlife Fund
- Week 4 (17<sup>th</sup> Mar) - Year 3 - Trees, trees, trees
- Week 5 (24<sup>th</sup> Mar) - Year 2 - Cost of Living Crisis – One Can Trust
- Week 6 (31<sup>st</sup> Mar) - Year 1 – Save the Bees

### Easter

The story of Easter and preparation for Easter will be covered in Clergy Assemblies and responded to in Class Collective Worship on Wednesdays. We will then all gather at All Saints Church to take part in our Easter Assembly.

### Roving Books Commission Update

Each Spring Term, we have the pleasure of welcoming Roving Books to our school, providing a wonderful opportunity to foster a love of reading among our children and their families. Throughout the day, pupils can explore and purchase books, with parents invited to join them after school.

Thanks to the generous support of our school community over the past few years, we have accumulated a commission fund of over **£430**. These funds have been used to enhance our library with additional KS2 fiction titles, as well as books on emotions and self-regulation for EYFS and KS1.

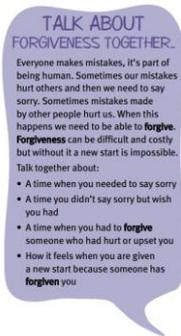
Additionally, in support of our Whole School Forest School sessions, which now take place half-termly, we have invested in a selection of fiction and non-fiction books to complement these lessons. These resources aim to reinforce learning from the sessions and inspire a new generation of Eco Warriors.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this initiative—we appreciate your ongoing support in promoting a love of reading across the school.

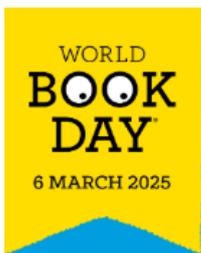
### Christian Value for Living and Behaviour for Learning

This half term our Christian Value is: **‘Forgiveness’**

Our Behaviour for Learning is: **‘Resilience’** and our Vision Character is: **‘Bounce Back Badger’**



### World Book Day – Thursday 06 March



We are excited to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 6th March with a fantastic range of book-themed activities.

Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book characters and bring in a named book to share with their class.



The children will take part in buddy reading sessions with other year groups, a special World Book Day assembly, and fun activities linked to a class World Book Day book. A highlight of the afternoon will be our *Mystery Reader* session, where a surprise guest will visit each class to share a story.

Don't forget to enter our *Bookish Bakes* photo competition by sending in tasty photos of book-themed treats children have made. We look forward to a wonderful week celebrating our love of books.

### World Book Week Tokens

On Thursday, the children will come home with a World Book Day token which can be exchanged for a special World Book Day book or put towards a book of your choice. The token may be used at our Roving Book Fair on Wednesday 26th March or in a participating book shop. If you choose not to use your token, we would gratefully receive them back in school.

### Parents Evening - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Parents Evening is due to take place at school on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. You have already received your invite and the booking portal is open until 9am on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March. If you have any queries, please contact the office.

### Parking in Playground and Pedestrian Safety

I would like to remind all adults and children that there are some safety rules in place to ensure that all members of our community stay safe. Please ensure that:

- You follow the footprints and walk around the perimeter of the playground to avoid any cars parking. Do not cut across the playground.
- You only enter on foot via the pedestrian gate. Do not come in through the large side gates – vehicle access only.
- Children should not cycle or scooter in Loakes Road.
- Unauthorised vehicles should not park at the front of school – these spaces are available by prior arrangement only and not for late arrivals once the playground gate is closed – blue badge holders for disabled parking are an exception.

### Easter Service –Thursday 3 April 2.00pm



Just to remind everyone we are holding our Easter service at All Saints Church on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April and it would be very nice if as many of you as possible could join us for this end of term service.

If you are able to help with walking to and from the church, please contact the office. Parking will be available from 1.30pm on the top playground for those of you helping to walk down to the church.

### End of Term

The school will be closing on Friday 04 April at 1.30pm. We reopen on Wednesday 23 April at 08.30 am.

### A few date reminders

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| • Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March | Book Week<br>EYFS Communication Week<br>Year 1 to 5 Assessment Week<br>Year 3 Living Rainforest Trip |
| • Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March                          | Ashing on Playground   |
| • Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March                        | Cake Sale YR,3 and 5   |
| • Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March                         | World Book Day   |
| • Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March                           | Year 1 Class Assembly  |
| • Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March                         | Year 6 Lincolnsfield Trip  |



- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March Parents Evening
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March Parents Evening
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March Energize Performance
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Energize Performance
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March Phonics Screening Check Workshop Y1 and 2 2.45pm
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March Roving Book Fair
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March Year 1 Wycombe Museum Trip
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March Friends Disco
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April Year R Odds Farm Trip
- Thursday 03 April Easter Service – All Saints Church – 2pm
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April End of Term 1.30pm
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April Staff Training Day
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April Start of Summer Term. Back to School.

Yours sincerely



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