

Finedon Schools Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th February 2023



MESSAGE FROM MRS LLOYD-WILLIAMS

As we approach half term, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing break. Fingers crossed we'll be lucky with the weather and be able to enjoy spending time outdoors. With spring round the corner and the prospect of more daylight hours it's one of my favourite times of year!

Our next learning review meetings with parents and carers take place week beginning 27th February. Don't forget to make your appointment - bookings open on Arbor at 6:00 p.m. today!

We look forward to welcoming everybody back to school on **Monday 20th February**.



PRAYER SPACE

One of our Governors (and an ex-teacher of our school), Mrs Clarke planned and ran a prayer space event at the Junior School today. The focus was the Lord's Prayer and each prayer station enabled children to reflect on the prayer.

The team of volunteers from Mrs Clarke's Church and Mrs Reading, a Trust Director were extremely impressed with the behaviour of the children and their thoughtful contributions to the task at each reflective station.

A huge thank you to Mrs Clarke for organising this very successful Prayer Space.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in Heaven,
hallowed be Your name.
Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done
on Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the Kingdom,
the Power and the Glory for ever and ever.
Amen



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Flamingo Class** with 96.6% attendance who are this week's attendance winners at the Infant School.

Well done to Toucan Class who also achieved over 96%.

Congratulations to **Woodpecker Class** with 98.7% attendance who are this week's attendance winners at the Junior School.

Well done to Chaffinch Class who also achieved over 96%.

GEOGRAPHY LEARNING IN YEAR FIVE

Today, all of Year 5 went for a local walk around Finedon to look for human and physical geographic features. They also worked on their map reading skills to follow the designated route.

Maybe the children can put their map reading skills to the test this half term!



CHOCOLATE BINGO

Thank you to everybody who attended the Chocolate Bingo evening last night. It was a really enjoyable family event, and it was lovely to see everybody having fun!

Thank you to everybody for all for your chocolate donations and thanks must also go to FoFS for organising the event and to Finedon's Finest Fish and Chips for the lovely food. We will let you know how much the event raised after half term.

We can't wait to do it all again next year!



MOTHER'S DAY PRESENT ROOM

We'll be opening the doors to our Wonderful Women gift shop again this year to celebrate Mothering Sunday on 19th March.

Order forms have been sent out today in your child's bookbags and need to be returned with funds by Friday 24th February.

BOOK FAIR

The Infant School are holding a Book Fair on Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th and Monday 27th February from 3:05 – 3:45 p.m.

Help earn free books for your school

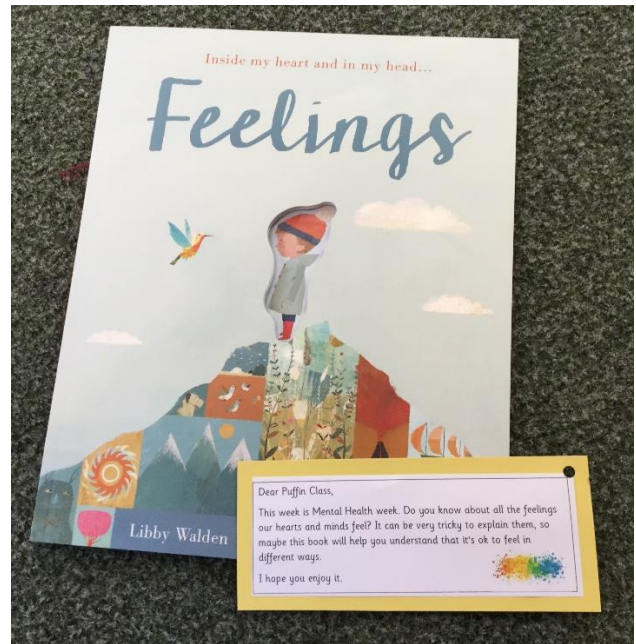
Books benefit everyone and to ensure that as many children as possible have access to the best books, Scholastic donate over £2.2 million worth of free books annually to schools nationwide to support literacy and reading for pleasure. You can help make a difference by purchasing from your Scholastic Fair – every purchase earns your school rewards which they can spend on free books to stock their library and classrooms.



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

This week we have celebrated Children's Mental Health Week based on the theme 'Let's Connect'. We have learnt about the importance of making healthy, positive connections with others.

Each Infant School class received delivery of a book about feelings, reminding the children that sometimes it can be very tricky to explain the feelings in our hearts and our minds. We hope the book will help children to understand that it is ok to experience a range of feelings.



This [link](#) includes lots of useful information for parents about mental health in children.

BIKEABILITY

In May, Year Five children will take part in the National Cycling Programme 'Bikeability'.

Please ensure all forms related to this activity are returned to the school office, by **Wednesday 22nd February**. Please ask the school office if you require another form.



DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY LEARNING IN YEAR ONE AND TWO

This term our Design and Technology unit was Food: A Balanced Diet. This unit included finding out about hidden sugars in food and the important food groups. With this in mind, the children were tasked with designing, making and evaluating a healthy wrap which would encourage them to enjoy a balanced diet for lunch. First the children tasted a range of vegetables, protein and dairy, before choosing their favourite options for their design.

We had great fun trying food we had never tasted before, even if we weren't overly keen on it all! Using the designs, we prepared the wraps and enjoyed eating them.

Most of us absolutely loved our products and think they would be perfect for school lunches!



SAFETY WITH DOGS

In recent months there have been some tragic incidents involving dogs, resulting in injury or loss of life. The PDSA website <https://www.pdsa.org.uk/pet-help-and-advice/looking-after-your-pet/puppies-dogs/children-and-dogs>) has lots of useful information about keeping dogs as pets. They advise that no dog is ever completely safe because they are an animal and therefore no child should ever be left alone with a dog - even for a few minutes!

Other key advice mentioned on the website:

- Dogs may be protective of their toys and bowls or food, so children should always keep a safe distance around these.
- Never let your children approach dogs they don't know. Always ask the owner if it's okay for their dog to be petted.
- Let sleeping dogs lie – never let children disturb a resting or sleeping dog.



DO YOU NEED CHILD CARE AT HALF TERM?

Booking is open for the February half term holiday at Apple Tree Club.

You can book 8:00 a.m. - 5:45 p.m. for £23.50 which includes breakfast or 8:50 a.m. - 5:45 p.m. for £20.00.

Places need to be booked and paid for in advance using the Arbor parent portal.

If you would like more details about our Club, then please contact the club manager, Caralyn Cox on 07766 978374.



SAFEGUARDING

All children have the right to grow up and learn in a safe and secure environment. If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact one of our designated safeguarding leads, listed below.



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Mrs Caralyn Cox (for Apple Tree Club)	caralyn.cox@iflt.org.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please see **below** key dates for you to be aware of.

Date	What's on
Monday 20 th February	Term four begins
w/c 27 th February	Learning Review Meetings
Wednesday 22 nd February – Monday 27 th	Book Fair at the Infant School
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Tuesday 14 th March – 3.15pm – 4.00pm	Science Fair at the Junior School
Thursday 16 th March	Wonderful Women present room at the Junior School
Friday 17 th March	Wonderful Women present room at the Infant School
Friday 17 th March – 3.05pm – 4.00pm	Science Fair at the Infant School
Tuesday 21 st March 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Left to their own devices online training for parents – book here
Wednesday 22 nd March	School Photo Day – Class Photos



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Swimming

Free Swimming

available for all under 18 year olds in February school holidays

Monday 13th to Friday 17th February 2023

All young people under 8yrs must be accompanied by a paying adult



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