



THE BATT C.E. SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

### Science Week

I hope the children have enjoyed Science Week. They have certainly experienced some varied and different activities compared with a normal week at school. Activities have included rocket launching on the field, key hole surgery on artificial knees and a variety of engineering activities. We have benefited from having visitors from the Cotswold Wildlife Park, Rutherford Space Centre, Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Jaguar Land Rover, Abbott Diabetes and the Jenner Institute at Oxford University. I would like to thank Mark Peacey, Suzannah Cooper and Sonia Gooderham for organising such an exciting week for the children with so many different experiences. The school website has a 'science week' tab which shows the activities in which the children have been involved.

### Year Two Concert

Congratulations to our Year Two children for performing so well at the Witney Partnership concert at Wood Green on Tuesday evening. They sang so well as part of a choir of over 200 children and enjoyed performances by students from Henry Box and Wood Green. We were all very proud of them.

### Book Fair

Thank you for supporting the Book Fair recently, and well done to the Year Six children for running it so well. As a result of the Book Fair, we have £666 worth of books and resources to buy for our school.

### Odd Socks Day!

Next Thursday (21<sup>st</sup> March) is World Down Syndrome Day and we will be celebrating it once again by inviting the children to wear brightly coloured odd socks on this day. We will have a collection to raise money for this wonderful charity. I look forward to seeing a variety of socks next Thursday!

### Girls' Football

Our girls' football team played their latest league game last Friday against Madley Brook School. Unfortunately, despite a valiant fight back in the second half, we lost 5-3. Well played to everyone and good luck in your next match.

### BSA Meeting

There will be a BSA meeting this Monday at 8.00pm in the Como Lounge. As always, everyone is very welcome to come along and discuss potential and forthcoming events.

### Netball Success

Congratulations to our Netball team for finishing as runners up in the West Oxfordshire Hi-Five Netball tournament yesterday. Having won their first three games comfortably, they narrowly lost against Kingham School and drew 0-0 against West Witney. Finishing second is a great achievement and we still progress through to the County finals in April.



### Joseph Musical/Choirs Next Term

As you may have already heard, we will be putting on a whole-school production of 'Joseph' in July. It is always a very special occasion and takes a huge amount of planning, preparation and rehearsing. The Upper Juniors will be auditioning next week for the main parts and all the children have begun learning the songs this week. In order to rehearse the children, we will need to use the hall on Wednesdays and Thursdays after school. Therefore, there will be no Year Three choir and no Senior Choir in terms 5 and 6. I realise this will be a disappointment to some children, particularly those not involved in Joseph rehearsals, but I hope you will understand the need to use this time to rehearse the principal parts. They will of course, along with all the children, be singing a lot in school in preparation for the performances on 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Chris Payne  
Headteacher

