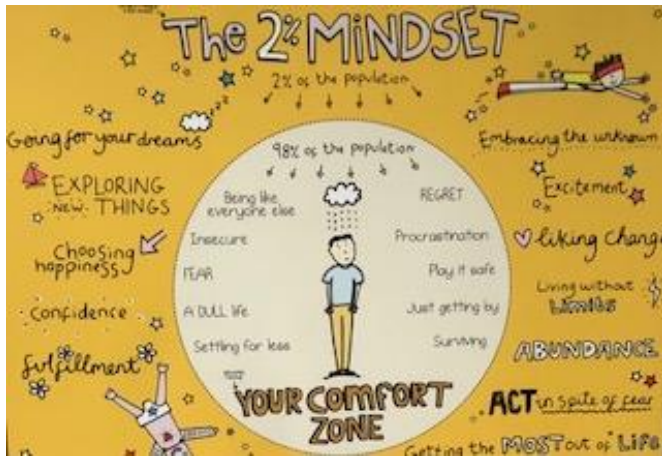


## Headteacher News

It is hard to believe that we are at half term already! This week has been a busy week in school. On Monday I had the privilege of attending a funded workshop on happiness and well-being for year 5 pupils. 10 pupils attended a half day workshop, which was funded by the Art of Brilliance and the Buckinghamshire Learning Trust.



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They gained an understanding of the importance of being a 2%er and learnt how, by making some simple changes, they could be a 2%er. The workshop focused on teaching pupils to be the best version of themselves and that happiness is within their own control.

Over 200 children attended the workshops, and all the school involved have been set a challenge. This is to share random acts of kindness across the year, and attempt to change the world by one act at a time. Mrs Marks and I are going to be working with the 10 pupils to develop a happiness project in school. The event was covered by the Bucks Herald and any parents wishing to find out more can see the article by clicking the link below:

<http://www.bucks herald.co.uk/news/education/updated-with-pictures-children-across-bucks-learn-how-to-be-brilliant-at-special-workshop-1-8196336>

## Student Leadership

This year we will have set up two pupil voice groups to form our Pupil Parliament - each group will have their own distinct roles, and will work in collaboration with our head boy and girl.

Our Junior Leadership Team (JLT) will work with the schools SLT in gaining an understanding of the working life of the school, and they will help us gain an understanding of the pupils' view of our school. The members of our JLT were nominated by their class teachers, and they are:

Ben Gandini, Ruby Neil-Dwyer, Isabella Flowers, Joe McCann and Evie Mustoe.

We are very excited to announce our new School Council for this academic year. Our School Council, making up our Pupil Voice alongside the Junior Leadership Team and Head Boy and Head Girl, will be collaborating on projects involving our school environment, among other wider initiatives.

Our Council body are:

1SD: Owais Sakender; Sam Walker

1LS: Zachary Norman; Daisy Moakes

2KP: Malika Abdul-Khaliq; Jacob Horrocks

2NG: Chloe Jephson; Samuel Redman

3OW: Elisabeth Last; Emily Noakes

3LH: Harry Martin; George Uhlmann

4HK: Loukas Baker; Iona Ingham

4NM: Fizaan Butt; Lilia Holbrow

5KH: Zara Williams; Krish Bhargava

5KM: Levi Trussell; Sophia Mackeown

6KH: Lizzie Tucker; Charlie Palmer

6CQ: Amirah Khaliq; Ciaran Trevena

## Values

The act giving is one of the greatest things you can do. Today, each family will bring home a rotary shoe box. The school has a long tradition of supporting the Rotary Shoe Box appeal and hope that this year you will be able to give generously. The shoe boxes will be collected from school on the morning of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Please do not send your box in early, as we have nowhere to store them. Please ensure you also secure the correct donation amount.

*"The act of giving without expectation of something in return is the true definition of kindness."*

## Attendance

Our overall school attendance to the end of this half term is 96.6%

Well done to our attendance champions this week:  
**2NG!**

## House Points

Many congratulations to Stuart house for earning the highest amount of house point this week.

<b>Tudor</b>	<b>York</b>	<b>Windsor</b>	<b>Stuart</b>
270	235	187	290

## Inter house

Today, the children have been competing in our half termly inter house competitions. We have broadened our inter house competitions this year to include subjects other than sport, so whilst the house teams were competing in a benchball competition outside, indoors the pupils were undertaking a science based straw challenge. The winning houses were:

Benchball: **Stuart**

Science: **York**

## PTA News

Thank you to everyone who came to our Family Fun Ferret Racing. Such good fun and we raised £281 for the pot. Big thanks to Lisa Curzon-Tompson, her helpers and Dad's Army.

Save the Date: Christmas Wreath Making

Would you like to help create our Christmas wreaths this year?

Wednesday - Friday (29th November -1st December). Please email us on [gkcspta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gkcspta@hotmail.co.uk) to sign up.

Our next meeting will be Thursday 9th November 7pm in the canteen.

## Charitable Giving

On Friday 17th November, York House will be raising money for Children in Need.

We will be having a talent show at school in the afternoon of that day. All pupils are invited to come to school in yellow or spotty clothes in exchange for a £1 donation.

Auditions for the show will be as follows:

Reception and Year 1 Tuesday 7th November

Years 2 and 3 Wednesday 8th November

Years 3 and 4 Thursday 9th November

Years 5 and 6 Friday 10th November

Auditions will be held in Mrs Elder's classroom and one act from each class will be chosen.

We will also be having a cake sale after school on 17. 11.17, donations from children in York house would be greatly appreciated.



**Dates for 2017 -2018 All new dates are shown in Red**

**October:**

23<sup>rd</sup> – HALF TERM

30<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Legion XIII in school visit

**November**

1<sup>st</sup> Pre-school & Reception Parents Tapestry evening

2<sup>nd</sup> Rotary Shoe Box collection

2<sup>nd</sup> Year 3 Trip to Henley River & Rowing

3<sup>rd</sup> Final day for photos to be returned

6<sup>th</sup> 3LH Parents Evening

8<sup>th</sup> 3LH Parents Evening

9<sup>th</sup> Reception intake 2018 Open Morning 9:30

10<sup>th</sup> Reception & KS1 trip to the cinema

13<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Service

14<sup>th</sup> Year 1 Multi-Skill Interschool festival

17<sup>th</sup> Children in Need

17<sup>th</sup> School Disco

21<sup>st</sup> Reception intake 2018 Open Morning 1:30

**December**

2<sup>nd</sup> PTA Christmas Fayre

3<sup>rd</sup> Participate in the All age service at St Michaels

12<sup>th</sup> KS1 Nativity (Afternoon)

13<sup>th</sup> KS2 Music Concert

14<sup>th</sup> Early Years Nativity (Morning)

14<sup>th</sup> KS1 Nativity 6:30pm

15<sup>th</sup> Early Years Nativity (Afternoon)

18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Church Service

18<sup>th</sup> Key Stage 1 and Early Years Christingle

19<sup>th</sup> End of Term 1:30pm

**January**

3<sup>rd</sup> Inset Day

30<sup>th</sup> Year R Interschool – Winter Olympics

**February**

12<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM

21<sup>st</sup> Year 3-6 Interschool Cross Country

**March**

2<sup>nd</sup> World Book Day Dress Up

6<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Interschool Football

12<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening 3:30- 5:30

14<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening 5:00 – 8:00

16<sup>th</sup> School Disco

19<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Isle of Wight

28<sup>th</sup> Easter Church Service KS2

29<sup>th</sup> End of term 1:30pm

**April**

6<sup>th</sup> Inset Day

25<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Interschool – Tennis

30<sup>th</sup> Class Photos May

23<sup>rd</sup> Year 2 Interschool – Games

28<sup>th</sup> – HALF TERM

**June**

27<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Interschool – Games

29<sup>th</sup> School Disco

**July**

3<sup>rd</sup> Secondary Transfer Day / Move up day

5<sup>th</sup> Bucks School Games

6<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY

9<sup>th</sup> Sports Day KS2 AM / KS1 PM Picnic Lunch for all 11th

Reserve Sports Day

13<sup>th</sup> Reports out to parents

24<sup>th</sup> July End of Term 1:30pm

**Parent Helpers**

Thank you everyone who has attended the training over the past few weeks. Over 80 parents have been trained which is fantastic! If you have attended the training please remember to return your code of conduct and application form, all invitations to help will be send out on the first day back after half term.

**Homework update**

After half term we will be sending out homework for all pupils. As a parent you should expect the following homework for your child:

Reception: Reading / Phonics and Big Talk

Year 1: Reading / Spelling / Times tables

Year 2: Reading / Reading Comprehension / Times tables / Spellings

Year 3: Reading / Reading Comprehension / Times tables / Spellings

Year 4: Reading / Reading Comprehension / Times tables / Spellings

Year 5: Reading / Reading Comprehension / Times tables / Spellings

Year 6: Reading / Reading Comprehension / Times tables / Spellings

All homework will be sent out on a Tuesday and will need to be returned on either Friday or Monday. There was a split of parents wanting homework to be in before the weekend, whilst others wanted homework to be handed in after the weekend. As there was no consensus we have decided to leave it up to parents to decide when they send their child's homework in, however, all homework will need to be return by **Monday** at the latest.

Home will be marked by the class teachers, this will be in the form of ticking and initialing the work.

All pupils will be issued with a homework book, all work will need to be completed in the book and the book returned to school.

