

Spring Term 2019: Issue 1

Sent home on Friday 10th January

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school and a Happy New Year!

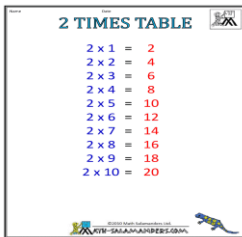
The Christmas festivities are well and truly over. If you still have your Christmas cards, please consider donating them to the school so we can teach children how to recycle cards to make new ones. We would also like any old birthday, anniversary and Eid cards.

Swimming resumes for year 4 next week and new outside equipment is being fitted for Rainbow Nursery.

Inter house Tournament winners for December were Achievers. Congratulations to all houses for superb sportsmanship.

New staff/changes

Our 3 student teachers have gone to another school for their second school placement and we welcome 3 new student teachers to years 1,2 and 4 this half term. We also welcome Mrs Jan Millington (teacher) who will be providing release time to teachers in the school. We also welcome back Mrs Kathryn Shorter (teacher) from maternity leave.



Cracking Times Tables

Congratulations to the following children in year 2 that have successfully completed level 10 of Cracking Times Tables: Zaidan and Yaqub

Remember your child needs to practise their times tables at home and they have their own log in for Times Tables Rockstars they can use to help them.

Clubs

Details of the activities that will be offered will be in your children’s book bags today. Children and parents should then complete the form on the back of the letter stating which clubs their children would like to attend. These must be in by Wednesday 15th January. On Friday 17th January a letter will be in your child’s book bag stating which clubs s/he has been accepted into. Clubs start the week beginning 20th January and run to Friday 27th March (there are no activities the week beginning 2nd March which is when parents meet teachers to review their child’s progress). Owls children are invited to clubs this term. Please ensure you put down at least 2 clubs as if you only put 1 down we cannot guarantee they will get a place as some clubs are very heavily oversubscribed.



Winter clothing

All children need to wear a coat or jacket for school as playtime and lunch break are spent outside. I would like to remind parents that sandals, trainers and boots are **not appropriate** footwear for children **in school**. School uniform can be purchased from Bucks School Wear, Unit 11, The Vale Industrial Estate Bucks, Southern Rd, Aylesbury HP19 9EW

Emergency Closure Procedure

At this time of year, we sometimes experience severe weather. In the event of heavy snowfall, I thought it would be timely to remind everyone the procedure to follow if the school had to shut due to bad weather.

In the event the school has to close for severe weather, please listen to **Mix96** and look at the following websites:

Bucks County Council School Closures <https://closures.buckscc.gov.uk/> and Oak Green School's website www.oakgreen.bucks.sch.uk

Attendance

For children to achieve academically and be ready for Secondary school and have lifelong opportunities, research has found that they need to attend school a **minimum of 95%** of each and every academic year. The Government sets a minimum standard of attendance at 95% for each and every child because of this. Parents are fined by the local authority for poor attendance, persistent lateness and for taking children out of school for holidays, etc.

Last term we saw a lot of parents arriving late to school which means you could get fined and the impact on your child is great. Children do not like going into classes when the teacher has already started teaching and it disrupts the learning of the others in the class. I know that parents, like teachers, want the best for their children and therefore I would urge parents to ensure that you are on the playground in plenty of time before the whistle goes at 8.45am.

Golden Learners

Congratulations to our Golden Learners for their achievements and efforts in learning from the end of Dec and first week in Jan 2020.

Year 1: Emi, Alfie, Alby, Caleb, Isha, Zavier, Lilly-Mai, Charlie, Aaron, Rhys, Mason, Fife

Year 2: Razvan, Yaqub, Zara, Tate, Eloise, Iraj, Allanya, Lola, Miraj, Lucia

Year 3: Zaina, Aroush, Eisa A, Raiann, Harjra, Adam, Essa, Sadia, Eisah, Khadeeja, Jacinta

Year 4: Maria, Britney, Natalia, Leo, Saira, Talha, Ameera, Harvey, Nisha, Raiyaan, Humaira, Oliver

Year 5: Tulele, Ruqayah, Leonard, Tammy, Fakir, Saaimah, Hussain, Sinan

Year 6: Maria, Kyle, Natasha, Hassan, Ethan, Pranali, Harley, Fareedah

Parent Volunteers – helping our community

In our commitment to help our community, we run a volunteer scheme to help parents develop skills to secure employment. Our scheme works by parents volunteering for a specific job and working the same hours and days for a minimum of 6 months. When a parent then applies for jobs we will be able to give them a reference. This must be a regular commitment. We currently have two part time volunteer vacancies that have come up as our volunteers have now secured employment. We are looking for someone to volunteer Mon, Tue, Weds mornings and one volunteer Weds, Thur, Fri mornings to do photocopying etc. Please see Mrs Anyon if you are able to volunteer.

Volunteers will be subject to a DBS check, references and safeguarding training.



If your child comes to school on a bike, scooter or any other ride-on item, please ensure your child wears a properly fitted helmet to protect them when they fall. Please also be aware that they should dismount from their bikes and walk them to the bike shed. Thank you.



Thank you to those of you who supported our Christmas jumper fundraiser for 'Save the Children' charity. We raised **£232.30** and this money has been sent to the charity.



We would like to remind all parents that the school purchased a permit to allow our parents to park in the Community Centre on Prebendal Avenue from 8.30-9.15 and 2.45-3.30pm. This is to help ease congestion outside the school. Once parked there, just walk through the alleyway and you are outside the front entrance of the school.

Please use this facility and help us to keep the children safe on the roads around the school. There has been a lot of media coverage about poor parking by parents at some schools in the area, with an ambulance not being able to get to a child in a school. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

Please **DO NOT** park in the school car park as access is required for contracted transport at the beginning and end of each school day.

Diary Dates

15th January	Closing date for Primary School Admissions (Recp Sept 2020)
17th January	Clubs offer letters go out, Year 3 mufti day for attendance, 2A class assembly parents welcome at 10am
20th January	Clubs start
22nd January	School Council representatives to visit the Mayor's Council Chambers Parents afternoon 3C (go to school office to book)
23rd January	Parents afternoon 3C
24th January	Parents afternoon 3C
31st January	2B class assembly – parents welcome at 10am
4th February	Jungle trip to the shops
6th February	2B/2C Sports festival
10th February	2A Roald Dahl trip
12th February	2B Roald Dahl trip
13th February	2C Roald Dahl trip
14th February	2C class assembly – parents welcome at 10am
17th February	Half term week
24th February	School re-opens after half term break
3rd March	Parents' Evening
5th March	Parents' evening, World Book Day
6th March	Yr 4 trip Warner Bros studios
9th March	Year 6 assessment week
13th March	4C class assembly – parents welcome at 11.15am
16th March	Yrs 1,2 and 4 assessment week
20th March	Yr 3 trip Henley
25th March	1C trip to Aylesbury library
27th March	Clubs end 4B class assembly – parents welcome at 11.15am
30th March	Yr 5 Arts Day 1A trip to Aylesbury library
31st March	Arts Specialist Day, Fire drill
1st April	Inter-house tournament
3rd April	School breaks up for the holidays at 3.30pm
20th April	School re-opens at 8.30am

As the diary dates show, it is another very busy time for the school. If you can help out in any way we would love to hear from you.

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