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Our Liturgy today focused on the proverb, 'From little acorns great oaks grow.' We discussed all the great things we can do, even as young children. We listened to the story of Samuel choosing young David to be King of the Israelites and discussed how highly God values children and often has important jobs for them to do; all of us have a purpose in our lives which becomes clearer to us as we grow older. *'Children are a gift from the Lord. Babies are a reward. Sons who are born to a young man are like arrows in the hand of a warrior. Happy is the man who has his bag full of arrows. They will not be defeated when they fight their enemies in court.'* (Psalm 127: 3)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11th February	Key Stage 2 Reading Workshop, 7pm
12th February	Year 5 Swimming
15th February	Half term starts, 3.15pm (After School club finishes at 6pm)
25th February	School commences, 8.55am
26th February	Happy Bag Collection
26th February	Year 5 Swimming
7th March	World Book Day

Geography Quiz by Joshua

Team Name - If you're mappy and you know it!

On Tuesday I went to a Geography Quiz at Lambrook School in Ascot with Max, Anais and Ethan. We had a great time competing against other schools in lots of different activities. My favourite was the virtual reality because it was fun trying to do the mission of climbing to the top of Mount Everest to find out how tall the mountain was! It was really scary when I looked down as I forgot for a minute that it wasn't real! We came fifth out of 10 schools with 75 points. Thank you Miss Hines and Mrs Robins for taking us.



Chinese New Year

Thank you to the parents who have helped us to celebrate Chinese New Year - we have learnt so much and really appreciate them giving up their time.



Injuries

We have seen a significant increase in the number of children arriving at school with bandages that have been applied at home following an injury. If your child comes into school with a bandage, splint, plaster cast, crutches or any kind of strapping a risk assessment will need to be carried out by their Class Teacher before they will be allowed to attend for the day.



School has been incredibly busy over the past two weeks and we have had much to celebrate! The children in Key Stage 1 had a wonderful time walking to Wokingham Station to take a train ride to Winnersh and back as part of their Paddington topic. Despite the freezing temperatures the children were in high spirits and very excited. The recounts they have written of their trip have been a real joy to read. A big thank you to all the parents who accompanied them.

Last Wednesday Morpurgo class presented their assembly to the school and their families teaching us the very important message of Positivity; if we demonstrate a positive attitude in life we can achieve so much!

On the same day a Safeguarding audit took place which was carried out by an external agency. Throughout the day our visitor, Mrs Smith, observed all aspects of school life and spoke to children, staff and governors. She was incredibly impressed with all that she saw and thought the children were delightful; they were all keen to speak to her and what shone through was the confidence and pride they feel in their school. I am delighted to announce our Safeguarding was graded as very effective; my thanks to the staff and governors for their help and support before and during our audit.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open Day this week. It was lovely to see so many different activities taking place across the school and I do hope you all enjoyed it as much as the children did. As always, the staff exceeded expectations with their amazing activities and put a lot of time and effort into making this an enjoyable event for everyone, thank you.

I am pleased to say, I have seen a significant improvement in manners and respectful behaviour over the last couple of weeks and we are back to our usual high standards. Thank you for reinforcing the message about behaviour at home and for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Nikki Peters

Headteacher