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Newsletter



From the Head Teacher



Welcome

Welcome back after half term and hasn't it been fantastic to see some spring-like weather! The children have all made a great start to the term and next week sees the visit of Atomic Tom and Cosmic Chris for Science Week, the Year 5 Learning Afternoon on Wednesday and World Book Day on Thursday. Children (and staff!) are very welcome to dress up as a favourite book character on that day. The new **Learning Journey** is attached so you know what topics the children are learning, and the Home Learning Menus are packed with great ideas for learning at home, copies of which are also on the school website.



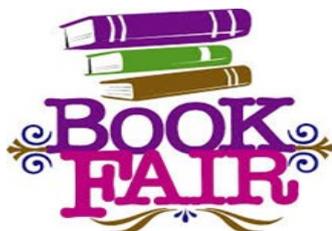
Thank you to everyone who has returned the PTFA form. The next meeting is this coming **Monday, 4 March at 7.00pm** at the school and we do hope that some of you will be able to attend.

Attendance

Thank you to all those parents who work so strongly with us and support our attendance policy. The termly Governor Attendance Rewards were earned by Miss Lyford's class 98.34% and Mrs Pendle's class 98.04%. 158 children achieved 100% attendance which is quite an achievement!



We are sometimes asked by parents how they can support learning at home. Have a look at the Oxford Owl website which has some fantastic resources for parents and especially how to support reading at home <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/reading-at-home/> There is lots of advice about maths and spelling too, so give it a try!



The Book Fair arrives at school next week and is open from Wednesday onwards until Tuesday 12 March, from 3.00pm to 3.45pm. Please come along and find a great book to read; help the school at the same time!

Parents Meetings

The next round of Parents Meetings is very near, with most taking place on **11 and 12 March**. Year 5 and 6 will again be giving extended appointments across a whole week, with Year 6 meetings starting w/c 25 March. Several Governors will be in attendance to introduce themselves – please say hello!

Best wishes,

Neil Blackwell



The National Child Measurement Programme

Every year children in reception and Year 6 have their height and weight checked as part of the **National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)**. Nationally, in 2017-18, one in ten reception children were categorised as obese and this rises to one in five in Year 6.

At school we encourage healthy eating and physical activity. Hot school meals are designed to provide a balanced diet over 3 weeks and children take part in regular activity, including the Daily Mile in Years 5 and 6. There are lots of additional sports clubs both at lunchtimes and after school, and children are encouraged to take part in Wow (Walk Once a Week to school).



The **Eatwell Guide** is attached for your information and don't forget that the Mosque has a well-stocked community fridge, entirely free to use. Regular walking is great exercise – why not make the most of the lighter evenings?



Pre School

We know that many parents also have children of pre-school age. For your information we have listed a number of guides in the **Nursery Information** section of the school website so that you know which **milestones** to expect and what you can do to help.

We host a **Stay and Play** session each Wednesday in the Diamond Community Building 8.30 -10.00 and we offer places for both **15 and 30 hour funded** children from the age of 3. Places are available to start in September 2019, January and April 2020, with a small number of places available for Rising 3s. Please speak with the office or call into the Nursery if you are interested.



We wish Mrs Hobbs all the very best as she begins her maternity leave this month and look forward to hearing happy news of the new arrival soon.



Dates for your diary ...

Monday 4 March	Atomic Tom Science Week
Wednesday 6 March	Year 5 Learning Afternoon
Thursday 7 March	World Book Day
Monday 11 March	Sean Callery, author visit
Monday 11 March	Year 5 Family Meals Week
Monday 11 March	Year 5 Parents meetings all week



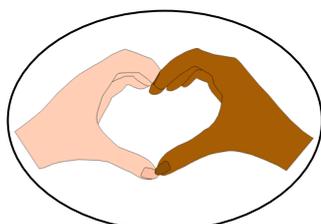
St Leonard's Church

Find out what is happening in our church by going to their website: <http://saintleonards.org>



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Monday 11 March	Parents Evenings Reception to Year 4
Tuesday 12 March	Parents Evenings Reception to Year 4
Thursday 14 March	Year 6 Learning Afternoon and SATs meeting
Wednesday 20 March	St Leonard's Maths Day
Monday 25 March	Year 6 Parents meetings all week





Courses

The mosque is offering revision courses for children and an adult needlework class. There is a special concession rate for Sanctuary residents. If interested, please contact Yasmin directly on Yasminkad@yahoo.co.uk.

Our next English language course starts at school on Thursday 21 March, from 1.30pm, places are available.




Creative needlework class.
week 1 -sew a button.
week 2- hemming
week 3/4- Sew purses/wallets
week 5-decorate

please book in advance via Haleema or Yasmin

**CLASSES FOR 5 WEEKS £10
TO BE PAID UPFRONT
AT FIRST LESSON.**

**Classes will start
Sat March 2nd
10-11am
Banbury mosque**




**Tuition
Banbury Masjid
starts 2 nd March 2019**

**KS3/GCSE 11-1pm
2nd March for 5 weeks
upfront cost of £50
1hour maths /1 hour English**

**KS1/KS2/Sats
11am 12
2nd March
upfront cost of £15
for 5 weeks.**

register your interest
KS1/2/Sats with Haleema
KS3/GCSE with Yasmin