



## Newsletter – February 2016

**Dear parents,**

Half Term is nearly upon us and we have been rather busy since Christmas.

We hope that you have been able to attend some of the sessions that the staff have held for parents:

- Mrs Baker held a very informative session on Special Educational Needs
- Mrs Wilde led an informative session on how we teach the four rules of number at Cuddington and Dinton School.

On our website, we are developing an area called Learning Resources. It is specifically for parents to help the children with their learning. Any presentation slides or hand-outs will be posted on this page.

The Governors have also received training on their role in keeping children safe at our school.

As you are aware, we have had a small problem with Internet safety with some of the older children. The 9<sup>th</sup> February is Internet Safety Awareness Day; I would urge all of you to check the settings on any electronic devices and talk to your children about keeping safe whilst online. Hopefully the links that I sent to you were helpful. These are also on our website.

We are using our website much more for posting helpful information. Please can I direct your attention to our website, not only for information, but also for the wonderful photographs of the children.



To help the children understand our values better we have introduced a 'leaf' system. Children can award leaves to anybody in school including the adults and the adults can award leaves to anybody in school too. The leaves are given when someone is seen showing the value for the half term. They are shared on the Friday assembly and displayed in the hall. I would like to make special note of Barnaby Spencer who, as a homework activity on 'What could you do to help someone else?' made and sold cakes at his rugby club and raised £95 for Shelter- Well done Barnaby!

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## **Medicines**

Please remember that school staff do not administer any medicines in school. Antibiotics with a dosage of three times a day can be taken before and after the school day. The only medicines we will administer are asthma inhalers, and medicines for children on a Medical Health Care Plan agreed with a nurse. I hope this clarifies the situation.

## **Staff/Parent Interaction**

Please can I also remind you that staff should always be referred to by their title (Mrs, Miss or Mr), not their first names. This applies when speaking to them and in any email/letter correspondence. I apologise for being so blunt, but some staff have felt uncomfortable about the over familiarity.

## **Mrs K Price**

The value for this half-term is Resilience. We will be sharing the following bible passage with the children.

*I am able to do all things through him who strengthens me.*

Philippians 4:13

*Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.*

Psalm 31:24

## **Wheels at Work**

Please see the attached information about our fundraising campaign and the activities that will be taking place in school next week. Remember, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> is a mufti day and the children may wear their "own clothes" in exchange for a charity donation of £1. All the children should have a money box by now. Please keep the money box until half-term to maximise the amount we can raise. All sterling currency and Euros accepted.

## **Reminders and Requests**

Please could we remind you again that the junior site car park is for staff only. Please do not park there or use it for turning around. We aim to minimise traffic in School Lane for the safety of the children.

Thank you to everyone who has donated tiles to Years 3 and 4 for their topic work. Please would parents of year 3 and 4 children send them in with a pair of gardening gloves that can be worn when working with the tiles.

If we have your written permission, we are happy for the children to resume walking to the Green after school now that the evenings are getting lighter. If you have already written a

note, you do not need to write in again. Thank you.

### **Netball result**

On Thursday evening the junior netball team took on the might of St' Louis School (unbeaten in four years!) and won 17- 3. An outstanding result! Well done to all the players and to Mrs Pearce for her coaching and enthusiasm.

### **Things to do in Half-term**

Please see the attached documents with holiday activities at Longridge and Green Park.

### **Pantomime – Jack and the Beanstalk**

Annabelle Sampson (year 2) is performing as a bunny rabbit in a panto, along with her brother, Oliver (the baddie), sister, Libby (Daisy Moo), and mum, Sharon (Fairy Non Bio). If anyone would like to go, tickets can be purchased from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/players>. Tickets start at just £2. Come and see a talking harp, a hen laying a golden egg, and an 8ft giant!

### **Easter Club**

We are pleased to be able to confirm that we will be running an Easter Holiday Sports Club from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016 on the junior site. The Club will be run by Mr. Mould. Further details and booking forms will be available shortly after half-term.

### **Diary Dates**

Please note that the Family Service on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016 in Cuddington Church has had to be re-arranged. We will notify you of the date as soon as possible.

### **Amendments/ Additions are in bold**

09.02.16 Dinton Pre-School to visit Foundation  
12.02.16 Robin Hood Performance for whole school in the Bernard Hall  
22.02.16 Return to school after half-term  
24.02.16 Year 5 & 6 Faith Tour trip  
25.02.16 School Nurse to weigh and measure Foundation children  
**29.02.16 IMPS for Year 6**  
01.03.16 Secondary School Allocation Day  
**02.03.16 English Workshop for parents, 6.30pm, junior site**  
02.03.16 Full Governing Body meeting, 6pm, infant site  
07.03.16 Parents' Evening at junior site - early slots (further details to follow for all four dates)  
08.03.16 Parents' Evening at infant site - early slots  
09.03.16 Parents' Evening at junior site, late slots  
10.03.16 Parents' Evening at infant site, late slots  
16.03.15 Years 5/6 to Eythrope for Water project  
16.03.15 Foundation trip to Waddesdon Manor

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21.03.16 No clubs this week  
 22.03.16 Whole School Easter Service, St'Nicholas' Church (children only)  
 22.03.16 Finance, Premises and Personnel Governors' meeting, 6pm, infant site  
 24.03.16 Break Up for Easter, 1.15/1.30pm  
**04-08.04.16 Easter Holiday Club at the junior site**  
 11.04.16 Inset Day  
 12.04.16 Return to school (no clubs this week)  
 09.05.16 Year 6 SATS week  
 18&19.05.16 Dance Show at Haddenham St'Mary's School  
 24.05.16 Year 6 to Hazard Alley  
 26.05.16 Break Up at 3.10/3.25pm  
 27.05.16 Inset Day  
 06.06.16 Return to school  
 27.06.16 Year 5 & 6 France trip departs  
 01.07.16 Year 5 & 6 France trip returns  
 18.07.16 No clubs this week  
 21.07.16 Break Up for Summer Holidays, 1.15/1.30pm  
 01&02.09.16 Inset Days  
 05.09.16 Return to school