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Newsletter

Friday 13th January



Dear Parents

Happy New Year! How are the new year's resolutions going? I am on day 12 of healthier eating and more exercise but am finding my will-power tested to the limits as I walk past the left-over Christmas biscuit and chocolate trays in the staffroom.

It may be a New Year but there is nothing new in the staff's collective will power and enthusiasm for carrying on the good work that we did last term. I am very proud of the staff and the effort they are putting in to ensure continual weekly and termly progress and to achieve consistency across the school in all areas. There is an immense effort being made and we are already seeing significant progress in the quality of teaching and, consequently, the progress and attainment of the children.

We have stepped it up for the children as well, encouraging them to go one step better than making progress week on week, day on day. Now we are looking for progress within the lesson itself. To do this we have introduced the idea of our 3 lesson objectives being called Bronze, Silver and Gold and are praising the children who move from Bronze to Silver or Silver to Gold within a lesson. We are always aiming to finish a lesson with Silver. If the children 'Go for Gold' they are likely to be working at greater depth and making a significant leap forward in their learning. Perhaps you could ask your child today if they have made progress in a lesson this week. Did they move from Bronze to Silver or Silver to Gold? What did they do?

We would like to tell you more about how well things are going by inviting you to a 'Wine, Nibbles and Update' meeting on the 2nd March at 6pm. I hope that by giving you enough notice you will be able to try and arrange it so that at least one adult from the family can attend. All of the teachers will be attending the evening and several of them will be giving a short presentation. We will send out more details nearer the time but please put it in your diary for now - we would really like to see you there.

Having navigated carefully past the biscuits and chocolates all week I am wondering if I might be able to treat myself to something nice from the cupboard tonight. It is Friday after all...

Have a lovely weekend

Andrew Denham

PS. Thank-you to the parent Secret Santa who sneaked a '12 Days of Christmas' themed gift onto my desk for the last two weeks of term. I don't know who you are but it made me smile every day.

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During our Achievement Assembly today I spoke to the children about the difference between having a 'Fixed Mindset' and a 'Growth Mindset':



We want all the children to have a positive growth mindset and, if they are thinking something is a bit hard, to say to themselves...



So next time the your child is suggesting that they can't do something because it is too hard remind them of the Power of Yet!

Achievement Book

This week

Lexi-Mai for amazing progress with column multiplication this week

William Archibald for lovely descriptive writing in English

Harry Morgan for improving his attitude to learning and being a whizz kid at Maths

Sam Kempton for sharing his excellent knowledge of Scratch' in our Computing lesson

Niall Bowler for sitting quietly and listening to instructions every day



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Great Fire of Standlake



Blake Class recreated the Great Fire of London out on the school field. Thankfully there was a very modern fireman (Mr Hardy) and controlled explosion man (Mr Todeschini) to keep things safe!

Jewish Synagogue



During our Wonder Wednesday assembly Sarah Montegu visited us from the Jewish synagogue to talk to us about her faith. It gave the children an opportunity to put questions of someone with a different belief.

Get Inspired

Inspired by the Rio Olympic Games and the 67 medals Team GB achieved we have set our own goal of giving 67 children the opportunity to participate in a competitive sporting event, experience playing a musical instrument and contribute to an art project. This is how we are doing so far:

	Sport		32
	Music		51
	Art		24

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100% Attendance for the Autumn Term!



Well done to all these children who came to school every day in the Autumn Term.

FOSS AGM

The AGM will take place on the 25th January at 8pm in the school hall. If you are interested in becoming involved with FOSS and help suggest and organise events and raise money for the school please come along.

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

The deadline to submit applications to the local authority for your child to start in the Reception class in September 2017 is 15th January. Children who are in our Nursery do not automatically get a place so please complete the online application form:
<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/admissions-infant-and-primary-schools>

♥ Charity Valentines
Ball ♥

Stuart (Club Energy) has organised a Charity Valentines Ball on 11th February between 7.30 and midnight at North Oxford Golf Club. The event is to raise money for SSNAP and Meningitis Now. Tickets are £20. If you would like to attend please email
rachelhonour@hotmail.co.uk

Next Thursday (19th January)

School dinners will be Roast Turkey or Roast Quorn fillet with shortbread/fresh fruit **NOT** Teriyaki Chicken or Jacket Potato with fruit crumble.

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If it snows...

It is the policy of the school to make every effort to remain open whenever possible. The decision to close the school either before or during the school day will be made by the Mr Denham by 8am at the latest. The school will only be closed if one or more of the following conditions apply:

1. Insufficient staff are able to come into keep the school running safely. *The majority of teaching staff live a considerable distance from Standlake.*
2. Conditions on site are dangerous.
3. Conditions are considered to be or are anticipated to later become too hazardous for travel.

If the school is to close we will endeavor to let you know via the website and we will contact the following radio stations HEART FM (102.6/97.4/102.9/103/4), BBC Radio Oxford (FM 95.2, JACK FM (FM 106.8). Parents should listen to their local radio stations and look at the school and radio station's websites which record school closures.

Parents acting on the assumption that the school would be closed without gaining confirmation, or failing to inform the school of the circumstances that prevents the child coming into school risks their child being registered as an un-authorised absence. Where the school is officially closed, all absence is counted as authorised absence.

The school acknowledges that during bad weather children may arrive later than normal.

After School Club (ASC)



We are delighted that the After School Club provision has started this term. We are very thankful for all the work that Mary Wallbutton and Louise Weldon put in to helping set up the ASC on the schools behalf. The children are having lots of fun and it is providing great childcare for some parents. The provision runs between 3.10-6.00pm. The current fees are **£5.00** per child per one hour session, **£10.00** for a two hour session or **£15.00** for a three hour session. If you would like your child to attend please contact Vicky Hickman on 01993 851883/07887 711454 or email: Vickyhickman1@gmail.com. Please note that the school office cannot be used to answer enquiries or communicate to the ASC on parents behalf. Please contact Vicky directly.

Thank-you

Dates for the diary

Term 3

Friday	20 th January	Year 4/5 Swimming
Monday	23 rd January	Year 3 Dance Festival at Bartholomew, arrive at 9am KS2 football match against St Peter's Cassington at 3.30pm
Wednesday	25 th January	FOSS AGM at 8pm in the School Hall
Thursday	2 nd February	Y4 Gymnastics Festival at Bartholomew, arrive at 9am Under 11 Indoor Athletics Festival at Bartholomew at 3.30pm Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday	3 rd February	Year 4/5 swimming
Monday	6 th February	Under 11's Hockey Tournament at 3.30pm
Tuesday	7 th February	Internet Safety Day
Friday	10 th February	Last day of school. Finish at 3.10pm

Term 4

Monday	20 th February	Term starts
Thursday	2 nd March	Wine, Nibbles and Updates
Friday	7 th April	Last day of school. Finish at 1.15pm

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