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**Newsletter Spring Term**

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**Friday 10th March**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring appears to have disappeared for now! A huge thank you to Mr Smith for keeping the site safe and easy for us to use over the last few days. We have tried to embrace the snow as much as is possible and ensure that children can play outside as normal without too much disruption.

This week we had a visit from Rev Canon Brendan Clover, who is a Trustee of our Multi Academy Trust, Oxfordshire Diocesan Schools Trust (ODST) and Anne Dellar CEO of ODST. It was a great opportunity to talk about the positive aspects of the school, the strength in the staff team as well as the children, and positivity of the wider school community. Our visitors enjoyed a tour of the school and commented on the calm and purposeful learning environment around the school.

Fingers crossed for Spring to return soon, have a great weekend.

Mrs Murrey and the Christopher Rawlins team

## **Mental health awareness training**

Oxfordshire Youth is delivering online **Mental Health Awareness** Training specifically for Parents and Carers of children and young people. The sessions are FREE for Oxfordshire residents: Our Mental Health Awareness Training for parents and carers aims to aid understanding of relevant topics surrounding young people's mental health today. The training also explores how parents/carers can talk to their young people about the struggles around ill mental health and where they can seek support. For further information or to book on our next training session on Thursday 9th March online, please click on the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-online-mental-health-awareness-session-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-476362271377>

In order to receive your ticket for free, please use the first part of your postcode as the promo code in capital letters (e.g: OX4) and click APPLY.

The training sessions lasts just over 1.5 hours and include presentations and group work, providing the opportunity to speak with other parents and carers about young people's mental health.

## **FA Girls on the Ball Day**

On Wednesday in recognition of FA Girls on the Ball Day we, the girls took over the MUGA for football. Despite the bitter cold, the experience was enjoyed by all. They practised drills, Mrs Sambrook led games and they enjoyed a 5 a-side game as well.



## **World Book Day**



Congratulations to Herons Class who won the "decorate your door as the cover of a book" competition we held as part of World Book Week. Mrs Duffy really enjoyed herself judging all of the doors and had this to say about the winning entry "For the overall winner, my choice is the *Letters from the Lighthouse* door, because I know that lots of other people have enjoyed looking at it, and I think it shows just what you can achieve when you get to the top of your school and can combine your brilliant ideas with all the reading, writing, art and design skills which you have been developing all through the other phases in your school journey. (AND -

I've been home to order the book on Amazon so it worked in terms of getting everyone reading!)" Mrs Duffy added "Well done everybody - you should be very proud of all your hard work this week celebrating the wonderful world of books."

**Our value focus is CHARITY: "Don't forget to do good, and share with those in need."** Hebrews 13:16



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### Safeguarding Online

E-Safety is an important part of keeping children safe online. We can be successful in keeping children safe online if we work with parents to ensure we share consistent messages. There are some links and resources included here to help you to talk to your children about how they can keep safe and behave appropriately online. **Vodafone** have created a fantastic resource for parents including information, YouTube videos and an interactive resource providing information about parental controls and safety settings. Everything is free and you can find further information [HERE](#). Also attached to this newsletter is some further information about using Ipads safely.

### Dogs

Please can parents not bring dogs onto the school site. This includes dogs being held in arms by adults.

### Parking

Please can parents try to avoid using the bottom car park when collecting and dropping off from school. If there are lots of vehicles moving in and out of the car park at pick up it can become unsafe for everyone using the car park.

### Clubs

Just a reminder that all clubs finish on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

### Parents Consultation meetings and Fresh Start Catering

All parents should have received a letter about Parent Consultation meetings which are on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Bookings can be made online using the link in the letter; all meetings will take place face to face. Fresh Start, our catering provider, will be available on both evenings for parents to sample food and talk to about the food on offer each day. We are very grateful for Fresh Start taking this opportunity to meet with parents and hear any feedback.

**RED NOSE DAY** We have a fun filled day planned for the children planned. Children can pay £1 to come into school in non-uniform and have "Wacky Hair". We will have a whole school talent show on Friday afternoon. Please encourage your children to practise their talents whether it be telling a joke, singing a song, dancing or playing the violin and share them with us at the auditions this week. We will be selecting two acts from each phase to go through to the Grand Final on Friday, with our panel of Guest Star Judges!

### High Flyers

This week we have spent a little more time being cosy inside, crafting, painting, junk modelling and reading books, as we have all been inspired by 'world book day' from last week.

**High Flyer of the week: Guinevere**, for always being caring and thinking of others. This week has been a super 'buddy' for a new crew member.

We are running our fantastic holiday club during the Easter holidays **Monday 3 April & Tuesday 4 April** time: 9.00-4.00PM. This will be an exciting couple of days, full of play and beautiful Easter activities.

We also have dates for July. You can book through our website: <https://www.highflyers.org.uk>



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### Growth Mindset Certificates

#### Puffins

Olivia H for being a superstar in Maths and showing the same/equal amount.

Olivia G for working really hard to use her words more to say how she is feeling.

#### Penguins

Grace for always being a kind and helpful friend to others.

Harper for her imaginative and creative ideas when exploring media and materials in our creative area this week.

#### Flamingos

Zoe for making super progress in her reading and writing.

Henry for trying really hard with his handwriting and for writing a fantastic fact file on tigers.

#### Peacocks

Flynn for his amazing focus and attention this week and sharing his great knowledge and understanding.

Noah for thinking of super facts about a tiger as part of our non-chronological reports.

#### Woodpeckers

Jacob for being focused and ready to learn; your writing has been very impressive this week.

Adam for amazing perseverance when making his car and not giving up when it got tricky.

#### Hummingbirds

Sam for using learned strategies to help solve calculations in Maths.

Lily for showing determination to improve word choice and sentence structure.

#### Toucans

Imogen for super work in Literacy this week, experimenting with different types of sentences.

Aelan for great artwork relating to the book 'Flotsam'; really careful drawing skills.

#### Parrots

Flossy for her excellent work on fractions this week; she was brave in front of the class when explaining her reasoning when problem solving.

Elena for super work in DT designing her pizza recipe, including good detail and description.

#### Hérons

Hugo for showing hard work, great participation and a mature attitude.

Eliza for determination in Maths.

#### Kingfishers

Billy for always having a positive attitude with everything he undertakes.

Agatha for her great chaser skills in quidditch this week.

### Diary dates

14th March KS2 Science workshop, Years 3-6

15th March EYFS & KS1 Science workshop, Nursery-Year 2, 9.00-11.30am

17th March Red Nose Day, all year groups, £1 donation

17th March PTFA Mother's Day plant sale, all year groups 9.00-11.30am

20th March Football and netball friendlies v Bloxham Primary 3.30-4.30pm

21st March Parents Evening, all year groups, 3.30-6.30pm

22nd March Parents Evening, all year groups, 4.00-7.00pm

23rd March Tag Rugby event at The Warriner, Years 5 & 6, 12.00-3.30pm

### Term dates

Spring 2 February 20th - 31st March

Summer 1 April 17th - 26th May

Summer 2 June 6th - 20th July

INSET days Monday 5th June

Friday 21st July