



Newsletter No: 5

Friday 12th February

What a fantastic start to 2016

We Say Goodbye

We say goodbye to Catherine Mcgeachy and Fiona Piercy who are leaving us today. Catherine is going on maternity leave and we look forward to meeting her new addition in the spring and Fiona is starting a new job on Monday.

We wish them both well

A Big Thank You

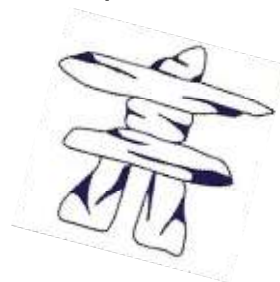
We have had a very busy start to the Spring term with lots of lovely activities and we would like to thank all of our parent helpers for supporting the children with: reading, cooking, trips and lots more. Without this help we wouldn't be able to offer the children so much.

Celebrations

As part of our vision and values for this half term the values champions have received a golden ticket. This ticket is for a



**Values Champion's
Tea Party
On Monday 22nd February
In the school hall 2.45-3.15pm**



If your child has earned a values champion golden ticket they are invited to attend a Tea Party with a special person (grandparent, mum unfortunately we can not allow other school age children to attend)

What have we been up to?

Values Champion Tea Party –

Well done to all of our values champions for last half term. We would like to thank all of the special guests who attended the tea party to celebrate the children's hard work.



Owls/Puffins – ‘Wow Day’ Once upon a time.....

The children dressed up in their favourite book character costumes and then had the opportunity to create a story with a difference using their characters. The children then mapped out their stories which led to a lovely piece of creative writing.

Year 3 and 4 team – Sports Hall Athletics

We sent a team of 8 to join in the Sports Hall Athletics run by Sainsbury's Games where they took part in a variety of events - standing long jump, speed bounce, chest push and vertical jump; plus relays with either 2 or 4 athletes. Every single team member gave their best and the school are very proud of them.

Eagles – Captain Safety

The Year 4's went to visit Captain Safety and learnt about the green cross code and how to stay safe on the roads. They were entertained by Captain Safety as well as learning a very important message.

Year 4 A + B team – Tag Rugby

The Year 4 A and B team played Tag Rugby at Alban Academy as part of the East Beds Partnership and then the B team qualified for the next stage in the tournament which was held at Biggleswade Rugby Club. They came a brilliant fourth.

Well done to both teams who have shown brilliant team work!



Tag Rugby A Team



Tag Rugby B Team

A Word From Friends

Mufti – We raised a fantastic £186.05. Thank you

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 5th March - 7pm £10 per ticket

Tickets are now available for the Quiz Night with Fish and Chip supper. This should be lots of fun and a bar will be provided. If you would like to enter a team please speak to a member of the Friends Committee. Tickets are also available from the school office.

Things to look out for!

Food Bank

Great Barford Lower School will be collecting for the Bedford Food Bank and the children will be having an assembly at the beginning of next term to explain how the food bank works!!!

Gym Tournament

For the first time Great Barford are taking 6 children from KS1 to participate in the Beds Partnership Gymnastics competition.

The children are working on a pirate theme routine using the demon body management skills. They will be going to Lincroft School to compete against other schools on 23rd February. We will let you know how they get on.

National Science Week

During w/c 14th March we will be taking part in some science activities throughout the week.

For your information due to Bedford borough changes children will not return to school until Tues 6th September 2016 after the summer holidays

Sickness

Unfortunately this time of year sees a sudden increase in sickness bugs. To help the school keep contamination to a minimum please can you ensure that if your child has had diarrhoea and/or vomiting **they must be absent from school for 48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea or sickness.***

** Guidance on infection control from the Health Protection Agency*

DATES FOR NEXT HALF TERM

Date	Event	Year Group
Mon 22 nd Feb	First Day of 2 nd half of Spring term	Whole School
Mon 22 nd Feb	Values Champions Tea Party 2.45pm	Golden Ticket holders and special guest
Tues 23 rd Feb	Gym Tournament Festival – Lincroft	Athletics team
Tues 23 rd Feb	FS Measurement Screening	Robins
Tues 23 rd Feb	Violin Lessons Start	Children enrolled
Wed 24 th Feb	Play Active Start	Children enrolled in club
Thurs 25 th Feb	KS2 Intra- Mural sports afternoon	Woodpeckers/Kingfishers Eagles
Fri 26 th Feb	Gym Club Starts	Children enrolled in club
Mon 29 th Feb	World Book Week – Teachers story telling sessions	Whole School
Wed 2 nd March	EYFS World Book Day – Details to be sent out nearer the time	Wrens/Robins
Thurs 3 rd March	Photographs – Class photos and Y4 leavers	Whole School
Thurs 3 rd March	Explore Learning	Eagles
Fri 4 th March	Winter School Games Rugby / Athletics (If qualified)	Selected teams
Sat 5 th March	Quiz Night - 7pm school Hall Tickets available from school office	Adults Only
Wed 9 th March	Friends Meeting – 8pm – 9.30 – Staff Room	Committee members
Thurs 10 th March	KS2 Net and Wall games	Woodpeckers/Kingfishers Eagles
w/c 14 th March	Science week -science activities throughout school	Whole School
Wed 16 th March	Woodpeckers Assembly – 2.45pm school hall	Woodpeckers
Thurs 17 th March	Yr3 First Aid	Woodpeckers/Kingfishers
Fri 18 th March	School Disco – 5.30 – 6.45	Main School Robins must be accompanied by an adult
Fri 18 th March	Last Gym Club this half term	Children enrolled
Mon 21 st March	Jordan's Close outdoor day	Woodpeckers/Kingfishers Eagles
Tues 22 nd March	Jordan's Close outdoor day	Owls/Puffins
Wed 23 rd March	Jordan's Close outdoor day	Robins
Wed 23 rd March	Last Play Active for this half term	Children enrolled
Wed 23 rd March	Nursery Open Day	Nursery
Thurs 24 th March	Y4 'Enterprise' cake sale	Eagles
Thurs 24 th March	Last day of term	Whole School