



In Touch

'Love School, Love Learning'

Our school values achievement;

knowledge gives us confidence and the ability to think with independence.

Our school allows us to excel in all areas;

new experiences broaden our horizons and give us the opportunity to be the best we can be.

We nurture a true sense of community;

we know how to behave and relate to others with kindness and respect, we are proud of our school AND understand we are part of the wider world.

We "love school, love learning" and are ready for the future.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



I can hardly believe that 2015 has come to an end. The year has flown, but I do believe it has been a good year for us. As a school we have certainly improved, with the progress made by pupils increasing enormously, with our results, as I told you in our last newsletter, being the best in Wycombe. We intend to make sure this improvement continues. Highlights this year have been our pupils performing at the Royal Albert Hall; a magnificent Y6 end of year production in the summer; the school achieving a Gold Sports Award; receiving letters from the Prime Minister for work we have done on 'democracy' and the pros and cons of HS2; the success and enjoyment of our residential visits; the contribution of our whole school community on our 'Have Your Say Day'; having wonderful children attend the school and our wonderful sports day supported by a large number of parents. We intend that 2016 will be another good year for us.

Mr Sierant



IT'S ANOTHER BOY- As you know, Miss Weston had a baby boy in September and I am now delighted to tell you that our Deputy Head, Mr Cook has become a daddy for the first time, following the birth of his son Samuel on 30 November.



STAFFING FROM JANUARY

From January, we have changes to staffing, as we say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Lindridge and welcome Mrs Atkinson. She will be with us full-time and be the class teacher for 5B. This will mean that Mr Cook will be class teacher along with Mrs Pilgrim for 4A. Mr Cook will be in class for 2 days and Mrs Pilgrim will be there for 3 days. There are no other staff changes at this time.

ARTS WEEK & ART EXHIBITION - We held our annual Arts Week during November. I want to thank those of you who came into school to help with the variety of activities. I would also like to thank those of you who contributed £3.00 to help us cover the costs of the week. I believe it is important that we provide a rich and varied range of activities to the pupils, which unfortunately is not always possible on the budget we have. Your contributions go a long way in helping provide this enrichment to your child's learning and enjoyment. The exhibition of work was visited by the majority of parents, family and governors. I'm sure you appreciated the wonderful work that was produced during our Arts Week. Please look on the school website for pictures and further information.



My thanks go to Miss Bartropp who organised the week and the exhibition and to all members of staff for the effort and work they put in, to make the event so enjoyable and successful. I'm looking forward to next year's event already!

SHOES PLEASE - NOT TRAINERS

I have noticed that we have a growing number of children who are coming to school in trainers. Can I take this opportunity to remind you that our school policy is 'shoes - not trainers'.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS

Throughout the year, the school governors and I have been busy supporting and working with the head and senior leadership team to embed the very substantial progress that has been made on improving school performance. I am very pleased to be able to report that our Buckinghamshire County Council School Improvement officers formally record us as being "solidly good"- that is not an Ofsted opinion but it means we are in an excellent position for when we are next inspected.

Well done the staff and pupils!

More important, however, is the fantastic all round effort to make the school a safe and happy place to learn. I am particularly proud of the work done to re-fashion the school vision and its summary motto - **We "love school, love learning" and are ready for the future.**

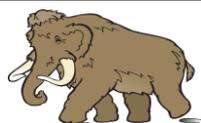
Well done the staff, pupils, parents and community!

Arts Week was a wonderful celebration of a huge range of skills and activities culminating in a fantastic exhibition.

Well done the artists!

I know this term is always one of the busiest for everyone so to find time to rehearse and put on such an amazing Christmas Concert is truly magical. Well done everybody!

Nick Hunt Chair of Governors



STONE AGE YEAR 3 - Year 3 came dressed to school as Stone Age people on Monday 16 November. Their outfits were fantastic and we took lots of photos of the Stone Age activities they took part in. See our website for all the photos.

ROMAN YEAR 4 - Not to be outdone by Y3, our Y4 classes had a day of being Romans on Tuesday 8 December. The hall was set up as a Roman market square, where the children, dressed in Roman costumes, made, sold and bought items that would have been used in Roman times.



WWII YEAR 6 - Another historical activity saw Y6 visit the Lincolnfields Centre, where they learnt a great deal about life during the war. The pupils and staff had a great day and enjoyed dressing up in 1940s outfits. See the website to learn more

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tuesday 5 January - Pupils return to school

Monday 11 January - Clubs start this week

Please check our website and display screens weekly, for reminders and updates to the diary.



REMINDER: We set homework for all children every week. Your child should bring the homework home every Thursday, but just in case they forget it, you can also see what has been set for them by visiting the school website. All homework should be brought back to school on a Tuesday.

Could you please complete our parent ICT Survey, which you will find on our website?

You can learn much more about what has been happening in school by visiting the school website.

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There is the opportunity on the website for you to add your comments on what you see on there. It is important for us to hear what you think about what we do for your children.