



Dear Parents

A very Happy New Year and welcome to the spring term of 2019. Thank you very much for all of the Christmas good wishes and gifts that the school and staff received.

We are delighted to welcome six new children into our nursery this term, along with two new pupils; one in Y4 joining Owls class and one in Robins.

### House Points Winner

The winner of house points for the second half of the autumn term was Fleming as they just pipped Franklin to the post on the last day of term. The trophy was presented to the house captains during Celebration Assembly.

We now have a new trophy cabinet in the main entrance hall where the house cup is displayed.

Congratulations to Fleming!



We have been very pleased with how quickly the children have settled into the new morning routine; coming straight into school and starting their early work.

We encourage parents to drop the children at the classroom door if they are in KS1 and not come into the classrooms as this can be quite disruptive to those children already working. If you have a message for the class teacher this can be written into your child's home/school liaison book or you can have a quick conversation with the adult on the door.

If your child is in KS2 they should be dropped off at the playground gate and will make their own way into the classroom.

The gate and classroom doors will close promptly at 08.50 so please ensure your child arrives at school on time. If for any reason they are late, you must come and sign them in at the school office. Thank you for your continued support with this.

### Y6 SATs After School club

As previously communicated, the SATs Booster Club will now take place every Monday after school from 15:30-16:30 commencing 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

All external before and after school clubs commence next week and for those children that have already signed up for gymnastics and choir, their places are confirmed. A reminder that choir finishes at 4.00 p.m. every Thursday and children should be collected from the side door of the school hall.

Parents will receive confirmation of bookings directly from R&D for dance and dodgeball.

## **PE Timetable**

There are a few changes to PE days this term and for clarity they are listed below.

All Year 3 children (in Hawks and Owls) will have Science and French with Mrs Britt on a Tuesday afternoon, resulting in a change to Owls PE days.

Robins (YR) no change Tuesday and Friday Penguins (Y1) no change Monday and Wednesday Hawks (Y2/3) no change Monday and Thursday	Owls (Y3/4) now Wednesday and Friday Kites (Y5) no change Tuesday and Wednesday Eagles (Y6) now Tuesday and Friday
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## **School Dinners**

Please ensure that all Caterlink accounts are up to date as of Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January. From this date, we will not be able to provide your child with a school dinner if the account is not in credit and you will be asked to provide a packed lunch for your child.

## **Interim Report to Parents**

As previously communicated, interim reports will be sent home during this half term following the recent end of term assessments.

## **Starting School September 2019**

We have our final presentation and tour of the school for prospective parents with children starting school in September 2019 on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30 a.m. in the school hall. Please note that the closing date for applying for a reception school place is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

## **Y6 Educational Visit to Bletchley Park**

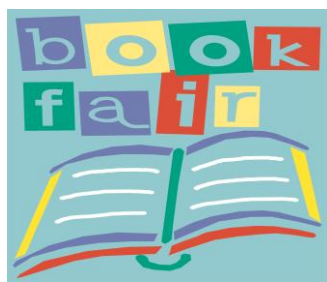
Year 6 will be visiting Bletchley Park on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 as part of their topic this term of Code Breakers. A gentle reminder that the deadline for payment and permission slips is next Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January.

## **Reception Vision Screening**

The school nursing team will be in school on the morning of Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January to undertake the vision screening of the Reception children. The NHS recommends vision screening at age 4 to 5 years to identify children with reduced vision in one or both eyes. The aim is to detect any problems early so your child can receive effective treatment.

## **National Storytelling Week 28<sup>th</sup> January – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019**

We will be celebrating National Storytelling week with a variety of activities throughout the week and will be inviting parents into school on the afternoon of Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February to read with your children.



## **Book Fair 28 -31 January 2019**

Our annual Book Fair will take place in the School Hall during week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> January from Monday to Thursday from 3.15 – 4.00 p.m. There will be books on sale for all ages so please do come along to see what is on offer. Last year the total amount of book sales resulted in us receiving approximately £600 to purchase books for the school.

## **Education Psychologist Drop-in – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 1.00 – 3.00 p.m.**

A further drop-in session has been arranged with our Educational Psychologist – Aneta Warrentowicz, which will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January. A separate letter will follow with details of how to book an appointment.

## **50 Things**

Just a reminder about the “50 Things to do Before You Leave St Lawrence”. The children now have copies of the list in their classrooms so if they have completed any of the 50 things; please bring in some form of evidence if you can. Children can tell their teachers and get it ticked off. The more they do the more chance they have of getting a certificate! We would love to display photos of the children’s achievements on our display board in the school hall.

### **Appeal for Tissues**

We would be grateful for any donations of boxes or packs of tissues for children to use in the classrooms as we approach the peak season for coughs and colds.

### **Inclement Weather – School Closure**

In the case of severe weather conditions such as heavy snow and a decision is taken to close the school, I would just like to remind you of how this would be communicated to you.

Both the Bedford Borough and school websites will be updated with information relating to a school closure along with announcements on Three Counties, Heart and Radio Northampton. A text/parentmail will also be sent so please ensure that we have your correct contact details and that you are signed up to parentmail.

Please note however, that a decision to close will only be made as a last resort depending on the availability of staff and safety of the school premises and surrounding area.

### **A few reminders:**

- Please ensure that children come to school with a coat, particularly with the drop in temperature forecast, and that coats are named.
- KS2 children require a healthy snack (fruit or vegetable) as an energy boost at break time.
- When writing a note to the class teacher in the home/school liaison books, may we please ask you to date the message.
- For those children cycling to school, they should ensure that their bicycles are safely secured in the cycle shelter with a lock if possible, and not to leave them on the school premises overnight.
- Following on from my letter regarding car parking, just a little reminder to be mindful of the local residents during drop off and pick up time.

	<p><b>Out of School Achievements during last term:</b></p> <p>Lily – Penguins – 50m swimming badge</p> <p>Roxy – Owls – 50m swimming badge / Stage 5 Swim England Award</p> <p>Hope – Eagles – GTUK Taekwondo Competition Gold Medal Winner</p> <p>Congratulations to all!</p>	
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Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Bush  
Headteacher

## Term Dates

03/01/19 Spring Term 1 commences

11/02/19 – 15/02/19 Half Term

18/02/19 Spring Term 2 commences

08/04/19 – 22/04/19 – Easter break (children return to school on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April)

## Important Dates

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 15:30-16:30 Year 6 SATs Booster Club commences

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 08:00-08:45 Gymnastics commences

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 15:30-16:30 Dance commences

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 08:00-08:45 Dodgeball commences

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 15:20-16:00 Choir commences

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January – Y6 Trip to Bletchley Park

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 09:00 Family Praise

11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Children return to school

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – World Thinking Day (Children invited to come to school in Beavers/Rainbows/Cubs/Brownies/Scouts/Girl guide uniforms)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 09:00 Family Praise

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – Details to follow

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March KS2 (Years 3&4) Spring Sports Festival – Lincroft Academy

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March Year 5 Boys Football Tournament – Kings Oak Primary

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March Years 5/6 Girls Football Tournament - Kings Oak Primary

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – KS1 (Years 1&2) Spring Sports Festival – Sharnbrook Academy

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Parent Consultation Meetings

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Church Service/End of term

