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Date: 23rd October 2019

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We can't believe term 1 is over. We hope you will agree that the year has got off to a super start. Children have settled in well and it has been lovely to see friendships forming and confidence growing. We would love to hear all about your half term holiday; please help your child to complete some pages in their green "This is me" book so that they can share it with the rest of the class.

Next term's topic is "What goes bump in the night?" when we will be talking about bonfire night, nocturnal animals and the "Funnybones" story. Children will also be learning about Bonfire night, Diwali, Hanukkah, Thanksgiving and Christmas

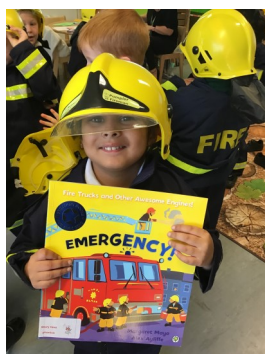


We hope you all have a relaxing break and look forward to another successful term from 4th November.

Mrs J Fraser
Executive Headteacher

Mrs L Dance
Head of School

Fire safety visit



Deborah Lowe from the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service came to talk to the children on 18th October about fire safety.

Children listened to a story, dressed up as fire fighters and learnt about fire prevention, the importance of having working smoke alarms and 999 emergency calls.

We were very proud of how beautifully they behaved and their role playing skills.



Mornings

Our official school start time is 8:50am.

As we were not able to offer Breakfast Club this year, we opened the playground at 8:30am because we were aware that some parents needed an early drop off, in order to go to work or drop other children at school.

However, as we still have a limited number of staff and most of the children are coming at 8:30am, we are finding the time in the playground is not a calm start to the day.

Please could we request that children are brought in to start the day at **8:50am** when they can enter the classroom calmly and begin the day in a positive way.

If there are 1 or 2 parents who still need to drop at 8:30am, we will continue to have a staff member present in the playground to support you, but hope that most children can be brought in at 8:50am. Thank you for your understanding.

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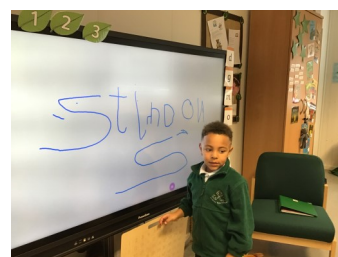
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Phonics

This term we have covered .s,a,t,n,l,p,g,o,e,r,u,c,k and introduced our first diagraph (2 letters with 1 sound) ck.

Ask your children about the visits from dinosaurs and aliens, sampling cornflakes with ketchup and smashed eggs!

Please continue to read or practise sounds every day with your child during the half term holiday and record it in their reading logs.



Recognition award

Throughout the school day children are “recognised” for making good choices and their names are added to a green recognition star. Every Friday Mrs Dance then determines who will receive a certificate (this may be for effort, perseverance, following the school’s values or super work).

Well done to all the children who have received a certificate this term.

Forest School

We are excited to be starting Forest School week commencing 11th November when children will be going to Richard Jefferies Museum. From next term Forest School will take place every week so please could we ask that all children have named waterproof trousers, coat and wellies in school.



Open house



Thank you to everyone who came in to school on Friday 11th October to look at children’s books and displays — it was fantastic see so many of you here and the children really loved sharing their work with you.



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A couple of reminders:

- 📌 As the weather gets colder, please could you make sure that your child has a named hat and gloves, as well as a warm coat in school every day. Children will go outside every day even if the weather is inclement.
- 📌 Please could long hair be tied back with a band for school.
- 📌 We would love to have your feedback via the Ofsted questionnaire—please complete the online questionnaire on the Parent View website: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>.
- 📌 Please make sure you have booked your children's meals on the Parent Pay website from 4th November—20th December.
- 📌 We always need items for junk modelling. Please donate any cardboard tubes, small boxes or egg boxes.
- 📌 Please could your child's reading book, reading record and plastic sounds wallet be in their book bags every day. Every time your child reads 20 times at home they will get a recognition award.



Children in Need

On Friday 15th November we will be collecting money for the BBC Children in Need charity. BBC Children in Need supports over 2,800 projects in communities across the UK that are helping children and young people facing a range of disadvantages such as living in poverty, being disabled or ill, or experiencing distress, neglect or trauma.



15th November will be a non-uniform day—come dressed in **something spotty** in exchange for a donation to Children in Need!

SCITT student teacher

As you may be aware Mrs Critchley is completing her SCITT (School-centered initial teacher training) qualification this year. She is really enthusiastic about the course and is enjoying teaching the children in Oak class. As part of her course she will be gathering information consisting of samples of children's work and photos, to share with her tutors. The information will only be seen by Blue Kite Trust staff and no full names will be used. If you would prefer your child not to be included in her file, please let Mrs Artus know. Thank you.

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Firework Fiesta — 5th November

Liden Primary School have invited Badbury Park Primary School pupils to their "Firework Fiesta" on Tuesday 5th November. Please see below for more details:

The schedule for the event is:

5.00pm	Gates open
6.45pm	Gates close
7.00pm	Firework Display Starts

Refreshments and Food

Burgers, pizza and chips will be available to buy on the night, as well as hot and cold drinks, cakes and sweets.

Stalls

We will be having a tombola, glow sticks, necklaces and bracelets for sale, as well as other fun things to do.

Firework Display

The firework display will start at 7pm. There will be no admission to the school for the firework display after 6.45pm. Please note no sparklers or other types of fireworks are to be brought to this event.

You can purchase tickets on the night for a cost of £4 per ticket.



Food bank

Thank you to everyone who donated food and money to the Swindon Food Collective. Although we are a small school, any donation is gratefully received and we managed to fill a whole collection box.

If you missed the collection this time or would like to continue to donate to this very worthwhile cause, you can still donate at many local supermarkets including :

Co-Op Covingham
Co-Op Wroughton
Tesco Ocotal Way
Asda Orbital



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School Diary

November

4th : Children back to school
5th : Open morning for prospective parents
7th: Open afternoon for prospective parents
11th: Anti bullying week & online safety week
W/C 11th: **Forest School starts**
15th : Children in Need
28th : Flu vaccinations

December

3rd: Open morning for prospective parents
13th: Christmas Jumper Day
13th: PTA Christmas event tbc
17th: Christmas nativity/songs
19th : **Christmas lunch**
20th: Break up for holidays

23rd December—6th January 2020
Christmas holiday.



January 2020

6th: Teacher training day (school is closed for pupils)
7th: Children return to school
9th : **Open morning for prospective parents**
15th: **Applications for primary school places close**

February 2020

14th: **Break up for half term holiday**
17th—21st February : **Half term holiday—no school for pupils**