



JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this first newsletter of 2019, I would like to begin by wishing you all a very Happy New Year. I know too that the staff join me in thanking you for your support of the school during the weeks leading up to Christmas at the various productions and carol service. We do not underestimate the time spent both producing costumes and practising with your child. A thank you too, for your generous cards, presents and good wishes, which were very much appreciated.

Whole School Themes

During the Spring Term we are having a whole school science theme with a focus week in March, during British Science Week, the 11 – 14 March. If you would be willing to come into school and talk about any experiences you have had in this connection, it would be very much appreciated. Please get in touch with Mrs Ilsley, our Science Co-ordinator, if you are able to offer this - and thank you.

In addition to our science theme, all the children will learn about our artist of the term – Bridget Riley - an exciting optical illusionist artist. This term we have three 'musicians of the term' – Wagner, Mendelssohn and Brahms - and, over the coming weeks, the children will be listening to various pieces of their music.

As I know you are aware, each term we look at a 'value' during assemblies and within the classroom - and the value for this term is 'Resilience'. As a whole school too, we will also continue to establish our links with our twinned school in the Gambia.

Attendance

May I now take this opportunity to discuss attendance please, as your child's attendance at school is of paramount importance.

Can I remind you that I am unable to authorise holidays within term time, or days at the beginning or end of a school holiday, to facilitate a family holiday. To help you with any holiday plans you may be considering, can I please therefore, draw your attention to the slightly unusual dates of our Easter 2019 break, set by Oxfordshire County Council. This year Good Friday falls at the very end of the holiday, and the school breaks up for the Easter holiday at 1.30 on Friday 5 April. Term begins again the day after Easter Monday on Tuesday 23 April. Thank you for your support of your child with this.

PE

During the colder months PE lessons continue outside, unless it is raining. We ask please that you send a pair of jogging bottoms (or similar) into school, for your child to wear during PE sessions.

Parent / Carer Questionnaire

On a final note, could I ask if you would please complete the annual Parent/Carer Questionnaire being sent home today. This can be completed electronically if preferred, and an electronic version accompanies the electronic newsletter. Your views are important, and the information we gain from the questionnaires affects our practice. We are sending home one questionnaire per family but, if you would like one per parent, please request another copy from the school. Please return completed questionnaires, either paper copies or electronic versions to the office by Friday 18 January. Our office email address is: office@radleyprimary.uk Thank you.

With my very best wishes for the year ahead,

Grace Slater
Headteacher

Thames & Isis

Swimming Lessons

Isis class will begin their swimming lessons at Radley College swimming pool on Monday 14th January and will continue for ten weeks until 25th March, inclusive. Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit, including a swimming hat each Monday. Thank you.

Y6 Heights and Weights

The School Health nurse will carry out the heights and weights check on Wednesday 6th February for the Year 6 children. A separate letter will be sent home.

Y6 Sats Parents' Meeting

On Thursday 17th January there will be a Y6 Sats Parents' Meeting 3.10pm in Thames Class.

Cherwell

Year 2 children take part in Forest School every Thursday afternoon until the February half term break.

Windrush

Reception Heights and Weights

This will take place on Wednesday 6th February by the School Health Nurse for the Reception children. A separate letter will be sent home.

Flu Immunisations

Please note a further catch up clinic in Abingdon/Wantage have been planned for those children who did not have their flu immunisation in school. The date is:-

Thursday 17th January 2019 (9am to 12 noon)

Abingdon Community Hospital Hospital, Out Patients Department (OX14 1AG)

Radley Family Orchestra Day

We are looking forward to a Radley Family Orchestra Day 10am-3pm on Saturday 26 January, kindly organised by Helen Ecclestone. Further details are available from Helen, or please ask at the office.

School Office

Breakfast Club

If you would like to use childcare vouchers to pay for the breakfast club, please contact the school office.

After School Clubs

These will start week commencing 14th January and will continue until week commencing 25th March inclusive. Please note it will not be possible for children to change clubs during the term. Thank you.

Online Payments – KS2 Fruit

You will have received a payment request for £7.00 for fruit. If you **do not** wish your child to have fruit, please ignore this and the £7.00 will be deleted from your account on 18th January, 2019. The software will only allow us to set up payments for fruit this way, as we do not know which children will want fruit each term.

Starting School – September 2019

Parents of children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 (inclusive) need to apply for a primary school place for their children. Parents must apply for a school place for their child even if the child attends a nursery class at the school listed as a preference.

You can apply online at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

If you cannot apply online, please ask for a paper application form from the school office. **The closing date for on-time applications is 15th January 2019.**

The Primary offer date for on-time applications is 16th April 2019.

Winter Weather

In case of a complete or partial closure due to inclement weather, please note the following:

A text will be sent to all parents.

The school website will be updated as soon as a decision is made, using the 'Latest News' feature on the front page.

The Oxfordshire County Council website will have details of school closures.

Heart FM, Jack FM and BBC Radio Oxford will all have the school listed on their website and in bulletins if we are **closed**; if the school does not appear on the list, then we are open.

School Office

Please note that the school office is closed on Friday afternoons. Any urgent messages can be left on the school answerphone.

Diary Dates

Monday 7th January	Spring Term begins—Back to School
Monday 14th January	Isis class swimming lessons begin Afterschool clubs begin this week
Tuesday 15th January	Closing date for Primary School applications
Thursday 17 th January	Y6 Sats Parents' Meeting 3.10pm in Thames
Saturday 26 th January	Radley Family Orchestra Day 10am-3pm
Wednesday 30th January	Isis visit to Abingdon School Science Laboratory
Monday 4 th February	Cherwell Class Hooh Workshop
Wednesday 6th February	Reception and Year 6 Heights and Weights
Friday 15th February	Inset Day—School closed
Mon 18th to Fri 22nd Feb inc.	Half Term break—School closed

Parents' and Carers' Views - Spring 2019

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1. My child is happy at school.				
2. My child is making good progress.				
3. My child is taught well.				
4. My child is well looked after.				
5. I am kept well informed about my child's progress.				
6. My child feels safe at school.				
7. The school deals with any cases of bullying effectively.				
8. The school makes sure that the children are well behaved.				
9. The school is well-led and managed.				
10. There is good communication from the school.				
11. The school responds well to any concerns raised.				
12. My child receives appropriate homework. (Please clarify on the back of the sheet, if necessary.)				
13. I would recommend the school to another parent. (Please circle your response.)	Yes		No	
14. What do you like most about the school? (Please continue on the back of this sheet, if necessary.)				
15. What would you most like to see improved at the school? (Please continue on the back of this sheet, if necessary.)				

Thank you for taking the time to fill in this questionnaire