

Note from the head

Welcome back! We hope you had a joyful and restful holiday. Attached to the newsletter are the calendar dates for this term, please take note of when events are happening and ensure you have the parent/carer meeting dates in your calendar. Last year, the second parent/carer meetings were attended less well and it's important that these opportunities are taken by parents and carers to receive feedback on learning. The Spring term is the shortest term but one of the most important, particularly as we build up to key assessments and tests in the Summer term. Please support us this term by ensuring children attend well and that they are punctual to school (start time is 8.40am) each day. We really appreciate your support with this!

Mr Miles, Headteacher

Visit from Joshua Reynolds

Today we had the much-anticipated visit from Maidenhead Member of Parliament, Joshua Reynolds. Joshua led a school assembly, where he spoke about his role as an MP and was asked questions by some members of our School Council. Joshua was then shown the new improved key stage 2 spaces before meeting with members from the Trust and the school. It was interesting to hear Joshua's views on education and what he hopes to do to help improve our town. The local press also came and we hope the visit will feature in an edition of the Maidenhead Advertiser. Please keep a lookout for the article and any photos!



Photo: Joshua Reynolds's visit

Stay safe

We returned to school during a very cold spell this week. Please take care when coming onto the school site. Mr Hunt is doing his best to grit the paths but it's important to stay safe and avoid any ice. The newer black tarmac around the school seems to be more slippery than other areas.

Extra-curricular clubs

Our club offer has been sent out today and you will be able to book your child on from 6pm. Please check to see if there is an activity that your child would like to do and sign-up through sQuid. With the exception of year 6 SATs club (4.15 pm finish), after school clubs run until 4 pm and they are free. If you do enrol, it is important that children attended regularly and they are prepared for the club. We ask that parents/carers do not approach children between the end of school day and clubs, as children must remain in school. Thank you in advance to those staff leading activities and to all those pupils who attended clubs in the Autumn term.

Open Mornings

We wish to say thank you to the Year 6 pupils that supported our Open Mornings. We had our sixth, and final, Open Morning on Thursday and many of the prospective parents/carers commented how good the children were at touring them around the school. These opportunities are really important to help children develop their oracy skills and to field questions that are posed at them.

Donations

Thank you also to the local churches, who provided goodie bags to some of our families at the end of last term. It was really appreciated by those receiving them and we really welcome the support.

New staff team member

We wish to welcome Mrs Choudry to our staff team. Mrs Choudry is an experienced teacher and she will be teaching our Year 4 (Foxes) class this term. We hope she enjoys our time with us.

sQuid payment

Please can you ensure that you pre-pay your child's sQuid account in advance if you wish for your child to have a school meal. We continue to have to chase some families to top up their accounts and this is becoming hugely time consuming each day. If accounts are not pre-paid, we will be reverting to ask those families to provide a packed lunch.