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Term 4 information

Welcome back to the next new term. The children have settled well after the half term break and we are seeing lots of productivity in classrooms, as they continue to work hard. Thank you to all families for your support in enabling this to happen.

We were pleased to see parents and carers at our teacher meetings this week. If you have any further comments or questions, please do make sure to speak with the class teacher as soon as possible. If you did not manage to complete one of our annual questionnaires, we would encourage you to do so; this helps us to evaluate our provision and take into account a range of perspectives, as we continually look to improve our school. The questionnaire is attached along with this newsletter – please email a copy to school or print and send it to the office.

Over the next four weeks, we are very pleased to welcome a student teacher from UWE to Buzzards Class. The student will work closely alongside Mr Brown, Mrs Gaves and Mrs Sparey as they begin their teaching career.

Statutory assessments

This year, the Government is planning to return to a full set of statutory assessments. Results will be shared along with end of year reports in July. The details for these are as follows:

Reception

In June, teachers will carry out informal assessments with the children to determine what they can do and what they still need to work on. Assessments will involve the teachers observing children in the class, using their knowledge of each individual child and looking at the work in their books.

Phonics

All Year 1 children will take part in a phonics screening check in June. Those who do not achieve the pass mark of 32, will be required to retake this test in Year 2. The test is carried out in a relaxed format on a 1 to 1 basis with the class teacher.

Year 2 SATs

All Year 2 children will take part in written tests for reading, writing and maths during the month of May. The tests are not strictly timed, but they must be carried out independently. Teachers take into account a range of evidence alongside the tests when considering what children can and cannot do at the end of Year 2.

Year 4 multiplication tables

This is an electronic test and must be completed on a laptop or tablet. Children have 5 seconds to answer each question which includes tables up to 12 multiplied by 12. This is a brand new test this year, so we are currently uncertain about how this information will be presented to parents.

Statutory assessments (continued)

Year 6 SATs

All children in Year 6 will take part in written tests for reading, writing and maths. The tests are timed and carried out under strict test conditions as enforced by the Government. The children have had plenty of practice to help them prepare and to ensure the experience is as constructive as possible.

Lent lunch

Mrs Bagnall has been working with school council to plan a lent lunch to help raise money for those suffering in Ukraine. They have the following message to share with you:

Dear parent/guardian,

We are sure you have heard of the current situation in Ukraine. To show our support we have decided to raise money for 'Save the Children' charity in Ukraine, in the form of selling homemade soup and bread on Friday 18th March at 2.45pm on the playground. We encourage you to come, and would be delighted if you could show your support in the form of buying some soup (£2 per portion) and help the children of Ukraine in these harsh times.

Please bring a mug!

From the School Council.

World Book Day & book fair

Thank you all for supporting the book fair. As a result of your support, the school has been given £450 to spend on books to be shared amongst all classrooms.

World Book Day was a huge success. The children were involved in a range of book related activities. Our youngest children even had a visit from an author - our very own Mrs Bush, who works in Barn Owls class.

House captains

A number of applications were submitted by our Year 5 and 6 children for the role of house captains. We are pleased to announce that the following children were successful:

Summer & Abigail – Sapphire

Jasmine & Ruby – Amethyst

Mia & Sophie – Emerald

Sol & Jai – Diamond

Congratulations to each of you. The names for the houses were selected by our newly appointed captains. Over the next few days we will be placing every child in the school into one of these houses, so that they can work together on various activities and projects during the course of the rest of this year. The first main task for the house captains will be to choose and award certificates to those who have demonstrated our school values during celebration services each Friday.



Tree planting at Chilwood

Last Friday, all children across the school had the chance to plant a tree at Chilwood in Iron Acton. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop their caring attitudes and have a positive impact on their local area and on the environment. Take a look at our website to see some photos:

<https://www.ironactonprimaryschool.co.uk/chilwood-tree-planting/>

Please note: as a result of the tree planting, our usual 'Courage to Care' certificates were not awarded during our weekly celebration service.

After School Club and Breakfast Club

Thank you for everyone who completed the survey. We are analysing the results and will use your feedback to make changes where possible.

The After School runs every Monday – Thursday 3.15 – 6.00 pm and the charge is £8.50. Breakfast Club runs Monday to Friday 7.45 – 8.50 am the charge is £4.00. Payments can be made on Parentpay or using child care vouchers. Bookings can be made by emailing the office enquiries@ironactonprimaryschool.co.uk

Fromside Listeners



After two years of the Pandemic
as we move forward...

If you are struggling...
If you just want someone to talk to...

OUR LISTENING TEAM IS HERE...

Phone 01454 775529
or
email: m.strange@fromsidechurches.org.uk



Term 4 dates for the diary

Event	Date and time	Information
Friends AGM meeting	16.03.22 8pm	The meeting is open to all parents and carers and will take place at The Lamb pub in Iron Acton. Please do come along to support the Friends of Iron Acton School.
Lent lunch	18.03.22 2.45pm	This will take place on the playground. Please bring a mug!
Family service at St James' Church in Iron Acton	27.03.22 10am	All are welcome to come and join this Mothering Sunday service.
Easter service	08.04.22 2pm	We plan to invite families to join us this year.
Last day of Term 4	08.04.22	
First day of Term 5	25.04.22	



...and finally, here is one of our class prayers from Barn Owls. Each class recently wrote a class prayer which has been made into a Federation prayer book. We will be sharing one prayer with you each week.

Barn Owls Class Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for our friendly school full of kind children and staff.

Thank you for our warm, cosy homes and our loving families.

Thank you for all the people that help us and the animals that help us too, like rescue dogs.

We are grateful for all the delicious food and drinks we are so lucky to have.

For all of these things, we thank you!

Amen

