

*'Courage to Care' Listening, Welcoming, Nurturing, Celebrating*

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### End of term

Thank you all once again for your support of the school over the course of this term. I'd also like to thank every member of staff for their hard work and dedication during an often challenging period of time.

We've had a lot of extra events to enjoy and celebrate:

- Well done to all who got involved in the talent show and had the confidence to share with your class and the school. Congratulations to Mya and Scarlett in Falcons Class who were the overall winners with their gymnastics routine. Thank you to our amazing Year 6 children who organised the event.
- Learning about Easter through our faith day with Father Malcolm and Father Dave.
- Our Easter service – well done to all children for sharing their learning so clearly and confidently.
- World Book Day and the Book Fair.
- Travelling Kitchen visit to Golden Eagles Class for a day of cooking and food preparation.
- Our first orchestra rehearsal of the year.
- Golden Lock active travel – this will continue for 2 more weeks until Walk to School week begins on 16<sup>th</sup> May.

And all of this has taken place alongside all of our regular curriculum events.

I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter. School begins again on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April**. The gates will close at **8.55am** ready for the start of the school day. We look forward to seeing you back at school then.

Mike Riches

### Staffing information – After School Club

From Term 5, our staffing arrangements for After School Club have changed. Mrs Evans and Mrs Harrison will be taking on the roles of supervisor and assistant and will run the club together. Miss Holmes has stepped down from her role as supervisor and we are grateful that Mrs Evans has agreed to stay on for the time being. We are grateful to Miss Holmes for all she has done in setting up and running the club since it started in September 2020.

The club is increasing in popularity and as a result we may be in a position where we need to turn away last minute bookings. In order to secure a place for your child, we ask that you book in advance – preferably with 48 hours' notice, so that we can ensure there is a space. **Please note: After School Club takes place on the school site in the school hall.**



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### School meals – important changes

Our school kitchen manager, Mrs Wilding, is currently unwell and is out of school. A temporary staffing arrangement is in place, but this will change further at the start of Term 5 as we say goodbye to our kitchen assistant, Mrs Bidwell. Our catering supplier is looking at staffing solutions and will put a longer term plan in place as soon as possible.

In the meantime, there will be a change to the meals provided during the first week of Term 5. Instead of the usual menu, we will only be able to provide a cold meal option which includes a packed lunch provided by an outside supplier. We hope this will be a temporary arrangement and that we can get back to the standard menu as soon as possible. We will keep you updated with any further information as it becomes available. We apologise for any concern this may cause.

### Courage to Care certificates

Since the last newsletter, the following children have received recognition for their learning through our Courage to Care certificates:

#### **Barn Owls**

Evelyn – challenging herself independently

#### **Falcons**

Jasper – always following the school values

#### **Buzzards**

Lilianna – working hard with her writing

#### **Golden Eagles**

Evie – commitment to work and always working hard with a smile on her face

### Term 4 & 5 dates for the diary

Event	Date and time	Information
Family service at St James' Church in Iron Acton	10.04.22 10am	All are welcome to come and join this Palm Sunday service.
Algars Manor open garden	24.04.22	Helpers needed for Friends refreshments.
First day of Term 5	25.04.22	
Travelling Kitchen visiting Buzzards Class	27.04.22	Parents can come along and join from 3pm.
Non-uniform day	29.04.22	Please bring a tombola prize for the Friends stall at May Day.
May day	02.05.22	School is closed to all. Everyone invited to join in with May Day on The Green in Iron Acton. May Pole dancing begins at 11am.
Class photos	03.05.22	
Year 6 SATs week begins	09.05.22	Children can arrive from 8.30am for breakfast from Monday – Thursday.
Walk to school week begins	16.05.22	
Platinum Jubilee celebration including picnic lunch	27.05.22	
Last day of Term 5	27.05.22	
First day of Term 6	06.06.22	

Dates can also be found on our school website: <https://www.ironactonprimaryschool.co.uk/news/>

...and finally, here is one of our class prayers from Golden Eagles.

### **Golden Eagles Class Prayers**

#### **Listening**

Dear God,

Thank you for making me able to hear the soft harmony of birds and the gentle rustle of the leaves.

Thank you for making me able to listen to other people's ideas.

Thank you for helping my ideas to be heard.

Amen

#### **Nurturing**

Dear God,

As we nurture ourselves, others and more,

By letting people join in and holding the door,

Caring about our work and presentation when we are at school,

We do our best because being kind is cool.

Everyone should feel safe and nurtured whilst here with us,

And recognising our differences and similarities is a must,

Help us to make sure we are caring and doing our best when we learn.

Amen.

