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Message from the Head Teacher

New Uniform Suppliers

As part of our Christian ethos and our commitment to being an eco-friendly school we are delighted to say that after half term we are moving our uniform suppliers from Mapac to Earth Uniform a local company set up by two mums with many years' experience in the textile industry.

Earth Uniform ensure that its suppliers are members of SEDEX which ensures that everyone in the supply chain has equality, a safe place to work, and the means to support themselves and their families. In addition, they use sustainable methods that keep the environment intact for future generations. They promote products that use recycled fabric, buttons and thread and contain ethically harvested cotton. For example, a polo shirt from can be made from 2 plastic bottles! They are partnered with Ecologi - a UK based but globally connected organisation enabling companies and individuals to tackle the climate crisis. Earth Uniform offset their personal and professional lives, through direct purchase of trees as a way of achieving carbon neutrality. What's more, for every order placed with Earth Uniform, Ecologi will plant a tree!



The design of our uniform will remain the same, so it will only be as you order new items that you will go through Earth Uniform. We will be sending out their details shortly. From 1st June simply go to www.earthuniform.com and click on 'Find my School' then select our school logo - you will then be able to select the product, size and colour you need. In addition, Earth Uniform have a site in Thame if you are unsure of size and fit.

We have also had a request for donations of old school uniform with our logo on for our local pre-schools to use as part of their transition work as children get ready to start school. If you have any old smaller sizes please do send them in and we can pass them on.

Safeguarding Children with Mobile Phones

Children are always excited to get their first mobile phone, however, as adults it is essential that we teach responsible usage and are also able to protect and support our children as they navigate this new world. There is a company that we have been made aware of, ParentShield, set up to provide a child-safe mobile network, or as they say 'peace of mind in a sim card'. The controls built into ParentShield include: recording all calls and texts, word alerts, unlimited calls home, spending controls, time controls and ultra-secure mode. It is an all-networks card which means it will roam over all major UK networks. To find out more see hello@parentshield.co.uk



First Aid



Occasionally medicines will need to come into school, i.e. where it would be detrimental to the child's health if the medicine were not administered during the school day. In the case of antibiotics, only those prescribed four times a day should be administered at school. All medicines must be brought to the school office by an adult. Medicines must NEVER be brought to school in a child's possession. An adult is required to complete a parental agreement form with the school office for the medicine to be administered by school staff and only prescribed medicines (including inhalers and eye drops) in the original container labelled with the child's name and dosage will be accepted in school.

Equipment

Please can we remind everyone that children need to bring a fully stocked pencil case to school with pens, pencils, glue sticks and other stationary items that they need for their learning. They also need to have their PE kit with them throughout the week from Monday through to Friday, including a pair of trainers and a change of socks.



Kind regards

Mrs France

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Teaching and Learning in the Classrooms this week:



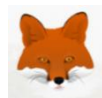
Hedgehog Class

This week in Hedgehog class we have been learning a new text set in the jungle called 'The Selfish Crocodile'. We have been learning how to answer questions about the text and doing some creative writing to the characters in the story ready for writing our own stories in a few weeks. The children have been doing some amazing problem solving in maths using number patterns beyond 10 to work out the missing number. They have been ordering and using place value to understand the composition of 2-digit numbers. In topic this week we have explored plants in the rainforest, trying our hand at observational drawings and planting our own vegetables. To build on last term's 'stilling' exercises we are now looking at the spiritual practice of 'mending'. This means reconciliation and forgiveness which we are exploring through the Space Maker resources. **PE Kits: Please could you ensure your child always has their full P.E. kit in school including a pair of socks at all times. We would be very grateful for any donations of spare kits for those inevitable times when items go missing!**



Squirrel Class

The month of May has arrived with a flurry of activity in Squirrel Class! In our English lessons we have spent the week creating our animal fact files about meerkats. We have explored the features to use to organise our writing, such as subheadings, captions and illustrations. We will spend a little time editing them and then we will write them up into best. In maths we have been learning about capacity and volume, and the children have had the opportunity to explore and play with varying containers outside at the water table. Y1 have been focusing on the mathematical language of full/half full/empty and the Y2 children have been looking at how to measure accurately using scales. In science and geography lessons we continue to look at desert climates and we have been making comparisons between our local area and the Kalahari Desert. We also looked at larger habitats within the world and named some animals that live there. Lastly, in Art lessons Miss Williams demonstrated to the class how to complete a 'continuous line' drawing of an insect using charcoal, which proved quite tricky, but the children persevered and produced some beautiful images. Enjoy the long weekend!



Fox Class

What a busy and learning-filled week we have had! Monday saw us off to Verulamium, where we spent an enjoyable day learning about how Romans lived in Britain. We attended a market workshop, giving the children the opportunity to dress up as Romans or Celts and look at replica artefacts of what Romans would have used to wear, eat, clean themselves and store food. Exploring the museum also gave us the opportunity to see amazing mosaics! In Science, digestion was the name of the game. We learnt about the digestive system before making our own model using bananas and tights! More History and we looked at how Emperor Augustus formed the Imperial Royal Army with the very best soldiers. We learnt about the special tactics and even had a go ourselves. Latin commands were given to instruct the army how to move! In our Art, we have chosen a poem to illustrate and now are planning what we will do to make our own book and which font to use to make it easy to read and most effective. We have managed to squeeze English and Maths in to! Enjoy the long weekend and come back ready for more Fox fun!



Owl Class

Has that really been another week? Crikey. In our usual, fast-paced way, Owl have crammed lots of learning into our week: In Maths, we spent four out of five mornings using statistics skills to plot and interpret line graphs, whilst Year 6 used pie charts and percentages to display data visually. In English, we created our first Big Write of the term so far, creating a non-chronological report about the central cast of A Midsummer Nights Dream, with the aim of creating a revision guide that a teenager may use to help them revise: the class spent a lot of time ensuring that their language used was light and fun, as well as factual, so they could keep their reader interested. In Art, the children selected part of their original Keith Haring graffiti images, and revised it over and over again: changing colours, adding details, and exploring how the image changed over time. In Science, we looked at the role of blood, and how white blood cells and platelets protect our bodies from harm. We even wrote a thank you letter to our own blood, thanking them for their hard work keeping us going! We also sent off the 'Big Science' posters for the children's independent investigations, which were fantastic and inventive. Well done Owls, enjoy your long weekend!

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Photo Diary of the Week



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Whole School Topic - Summer Term: All Over the World.

Values: Harmony

This week in Collective Worship we listened to a story about how some good friends supported one of their group. We reflected about our own friends and how we can support them in difficult times. We said a special prayer: Father – let our friendships be strong – so that may be a blessing to others; let our friendships be open – so that may be a haven to others; let our friendships be gentle – so that may bring peace to others. Amen.

‘When Jesus saw their [the friends] faith, he said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven.”’ Luke 5: 20

Climate Warriors Challenge

Are paper and cardboard an over-used, under-valued commodity that with our fast pace of life we just take for granted? Young Climate Warriors are challenged this week to RETHINK, REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE.

REDUCE - Help banish the junk mail and avoid the packaging.

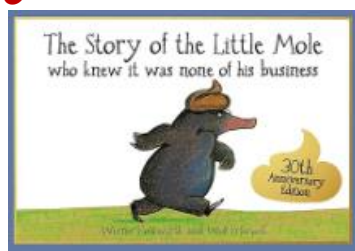
REUSE - Be creative with the scrap paper, used envelopes and old magazines.

RECYCLE - Rescue the toilet roll tubes and make sure they're recycled.

RETHINK - Talk to your parent/carer/teacher about switching to recycled paper.

A fun link this week: [Novel way of recycling paper - sucking the ink off. BBC News.](#)

Book Review *The Story of the Little Mole Who Knew it Was None of His Business* recommended by Mrs Healy



In keeping with Fox Class's learning about the digestive system, this book is an hilarious tale of a little mole who wakes up one morning only to have one of the other animals 'do its business' on his head. The Little Mole then sets out to track down the culprit to exact his revenge in his own little way. I know my children loved this story and as an adult I loved reading it with them! They all remember it to this day and they're quite old now!

Happiness Calendar: Meaningful May

This month, we're encouraging you to try find ways to be part of something bigger. You can find this month's happiness calendar [here](#).

Attendance – This week

School target 97%	97% - 100%	90% -97%	Below 90%
Hedgehog Class	73%	0%	27%
Squirrel Class	83%	0%	17%
Fox Class	83%	0%	17%
Owl Class	70%	4%	26%

Housepoints

House	This Week	Total
Bethlehem	106	290
Eden	117	262
Galilee	75	213
Jerusalem	86	233

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Emails and Letters Sent this Week

Date	Email/Letter	For	From	Concerning
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May	
Mon 6 th	Bank Holiday
w/c 13 th	SATS Mon- SPaG Tue – Reading Wed Maths papers 1&2 Thu - Maths paper
Mon 13 th	Vision screening for Reception
Tue 21 st	Maths Day inc HSBC workshops for each class
Friday 24 th	INSET day
W/C 27 th	Half Term
June	
w/c 3 rd	Owl Class Residential, Rock UK Summit Centre, Breacon Beacons Year 4 multiplication check
Wed 5 th	Squirrel Class trip to The River and Rowing Museum
Fri 7 th	Fox Class and Eco Warriors '6 Inches of Soil'. at Lopemead Farm in Long Crendon. TBC
Mon 10 th	Celebration 80 th Anniversary D-Day also British Values Day (wear red, white, blue)
w/c 10 th	Phonics Screening check
Wed 12 th	Garsington opera Workshop Owl Class
Wed 19 th	Dance Festival at Lord William's
Thur 27 th	RE Inspired Owl
July	
Thurs 4 th	Garsington opera performance at Wormsley Owl Class
Mon 8 th	KS2 play dress rehearsal and first performance
Tues 9 th	KS2 play outdoor performance (weather depending, note reserve date Mon 15 th)
Mon 15 th	Reports out
w/c 15 th	PE Enrichment Week inc sport's day Wed 17 th

Academic Year Calendar 2024-25

Autumn 24	
Weds 4 th Sept – Thurs 24 th Oct	Autumn Term (1)
Mon 28 th – Fri 1 st Nov	HALF TERM
Mon 4 th Nov – Fri 20 th Dec	Autumn Term (2)
Spring 25	
Tue 7 th Jan – Fri 14 th Feb	Spring Term (1)
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st Feb	HALF TERM
Mon 24 th Feb – Fri 4 th Apr	Spring Term (2)
Summer 25	
Tue 22 nd April – Thu 22 nd May	Summer Term (1)
Mon 26 th May – Fri 30 th May	HALF TERM
Mon 2 nd June – Tue 22 nd July	Summer Term (2)

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