



Dear Parents,

Welcome to our Summer Term! I hope you all had a good Easter break. It has been lovely to see the children back at school this week navigating around the April showers, hail and sunshine!

May Day excitement has begun at school with all the preparations underway. The children have stepped into their roles beautifully, especially Year 3 as they learn the new dances. A great reminder of how special this event is for both the school and the community here at Charlton-on-Otmoor.

We have also started exploring this term's value — Resilience. On Monday, I shared the story of the 'Frog that Fell into the Cream'. Whilst I was sharing the story, Edie, Seb and Fletcher took on the challenge of attempting to transform cream into butter. All three children were successful even though they said it had been at times frustrating and they had needed to change their strategy. They all showed great resilience and appreciated the encouragement to keep trying from the rest of the school. Just like the Frog in the story, the children didn't give up and thought about the encouragement they had received from those around them. All this helped them to succeed.

This week the children also had an NSPCC assembly in class. Safeguarding is one of our biggest priorities and the assemblies were a great age-appropriate way of supporting the children recognise the signs of abuse. The Safeguarding policy is renewed annually at the start of the school year and staff training takes places during our first INSET days too. The policy can be found on the school website.

The new term has also marked some changes for parents and the staff with the use of Arbor for our registers, lunches and wraparound care. As always, a new system being introduced is a big learning curve and we can only figure things out as we use them. On the next page you will find some clarification about the Arbor booking systems. Thank you for your patience as we work through the little kinks.

Once we have all got the hang of it this will be a more efficient system! A good opportunity for us all to practise the resilience we are encouraging the children to show!

Wishing you a restful weekend,
Nadia Gosling



Ben, Isla
Headteacher Award
Well Done!



Our Stars of the Week

Annabel

Harriet

Eliza

Finn

Lacey

Roman

Brody

Chloe

Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is Year 5&6 with:

100% attendance

**Whole school attendance
97%**

Also, Well done to everyone for getting into school at 08:45. It makes such a difference!

Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.15am-8.45am

8:30am—8:45am

Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.45am

CAST times: Mon-Thurs 3.15pm-4.15pm or
3.15pm-5.30pm.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club, Drop & Play or CAST, please book a place using the Arbor app.

All clubs are open to Reception through to Year 6 children only.

Arbor booking system clarifications

Wraparound care

- Booking for wraparound care can only be added up to 2 days before the session. The school's policy however specifies that bookings made after 12:00 on a Friday for sessions for the next week will incur a late booking fee.

- Cancellations for wraparound care have to be done by the office. A refund can only be made if the cancellation is made more than 5 days before the session. (The policy has been updated to match this)

- Drop and play sessions do not need to be booked in advance although it is appreciated.

- If children are dropped off earlier than the booked session, staff will amend the booking accordingly.

Lunches

- Lunches can be added by parents the day before at the latest.

- Every morning staff will ask the children not showing on the lunch register if they are a school dinner and will add children as required. Those that have booked meals from home will not be allowed to change.

Diary dates

- **23rd April Yr3/4 Trip to The Living Rainforest**
- **29th April—Yr5/6 Girls Friendly Football Match**
- **1st May—May Day Celebrations**
- **6th + 7th May—Rags2Riches donations**
- **22nd-24th May—Yr5/6 Residential to Youlbury**
- **8th June—Duck Race**
- **18th June—Reception + Yr1/2 Cotswold Wildlife trip**



FSU

In FSU this week we have been introducing our new **Eco Warriors** topic by learning about our planet Earth. Looking at pictures of it from space and on a map. We looked at where the country we live in is, and also some other countries associated with various members of our class. It would be helpful if you could talk to your child about which town or village they live in and for older children-what their address is. The pictures below show our contribution to the whole school display about the Eco Council's 'Save Our Seas' project.



Year 1 & 2

We have had a lovely first week back and have started all of our new topics. On Tuesday, we had our first gymnastics lesson with the lovely Jade and are really looking forward to the next lesson. We have also received a lovely letter along with some pictures and a present from Joshua, who recently moved to Devon. They have given us their number for anyone wanting to keep in touch with him, if you would like this then please contact the office.

Year 3 & 4

Year 3 and 4 have had a busy start to the term. We have welcomed two new students into our class, enthusiastically started May Day dance rehearsals, begun new English and guided reading texts and thrown ourselves back into Forest School fun and games.



Year 5 & 6

This week we started two new books! The first is called 'The Hidden Forest' which is a story of a boy dives into the ocean to a kelp forest. To recreate this we got to use a sensory bucket to imagine what it would feel like to swim in kelp in the ocean. The second book we started is our guided reading story called 'The Boy in The Tower'. We are really excited that our new student teacher Miss Benkert is reading us this story. We can't wait to read the rest with her whilst she joins our class for the next 3 months!



Safeguarding

Please contact Mrs Clarke, Miss Giles or Mrs Gosling should you have any safeguarding concerns.

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