




## WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

This week our value has been Honesty and our children know how important this value, in its different forms, is to our community. I was pleased to hand out Star of the week badges last week to Adam Tomlin, Esmee French, Imogen Adams, Fritha Bladon, Connor Perry and James Mitchell for demonstrating the value Politeness. Congratulations to Muhammad Areeb Shah for receiving his 50 Merit Headteacher's Award. Today also saw the Yellow House enjoy their reward for achieving most points last term. 

Our local and national government could learn a lot from our children! I joined the School Council meeting yesterday and once again I was impressed with their thoughtfulness, consideration and ability to discuss matters in a mature manner. A number of suggestions from the suggestion box were discussed with the majority either already being work in progress or we can find ways to implement them. Planning for Red Nose Day was begun and we talked a little about the anti-bullying work that started last term - and understood that we still have a little way to go in helping all our children understand the different forms that bullying can take and how it is different to falling out with a friend! At the same time, the children were able to show care and compassion for all those who may be involved in bullying or are having some difficulties with friendships. Mrs Crowther was able to share with the children the certificate of thanks from the charities you kindly supported last term, Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity and Oxfordshire Mind.

I have received many applications for the position of Dining Hall Assistants so, next week, I will begin interviewing the children. The quality of the applications are outstanding with so many children telling me how much they already do at home! However, they will not be required to do any washing up as part of their role. The impact of the minor changes made at lunchtime are making a significant difference with the hall even quieter than it was and far less wasted food. Lots of children have earned Golden Raffle tickets for their good manners or for trying new food on their plate. The first Golden Afternoon Tea was held this week, not quite up to the Randolph standards but very enjoyable!

If your child ( Key Stage 2 only) hasn't returned their Football contract, please do remember to send it in as soon as possible as we hope, weather permitting, to use the field from next Monday. To clarify the situation ANY child in Key Stage 2 wishing to go onto the field will need overtrousers and old trainers. This is whether they wish to play football or any other games on the field. Only the girls and boys wishing to play football sign the football contract.

# School News

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I am pleased to report that last term our attendance rate had improved to 98% with unauthorised attendance at 0.2% and while I have spoken to a small number of parents about their child's absence, overall this is very pleasing and long may it continue.

Please note, our cloakrooms are heated, especially in this cold weather so if you want to keep your child's home packed lunch cold do pop an ice pack in their bag/box. We are looking into alternative storage areas but as you know, space is limited in school.

My best wishes for the weekend

**Mrs Carol Dunne**  
Headteacher

## COMMUNICATIONS THIS WEEK

|                               |             |                                       |
|-------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| Online Safety                 | Main School | Mon 9th Jan (ParentMail & Hardcopy)   |
| After School Clubs            | Year 1–6    | Mon 9th Jan (ParentMail & Hardcopy)   |
| Tapestry                      | Year 1      | Mon 9th Jan (ParentMail & Hardcopy)   |
| IMPS Trip Reminder            | Year 6      | Tues 10th Jan (ParentMail)            |
| Curriculum Plans & Timetables | Year 1–6    | Tues 10th Jan (ParentMail & Hardcopy) |
| Hand Foot & Mouth             | Reception   | Weds 11th Jan (ParentMail)            |
| Tissue Box                    | Year 4      | Thurs 12th Jan (ParentMail)           |
| Clubs Second Round            | Years 1–6   | Thurs 12th Jan (ParentMail)           |
| IMPS Visit Photos             | Year 6      | Thurs 12th Jan (ParentMail)           |

## COMING UP ....

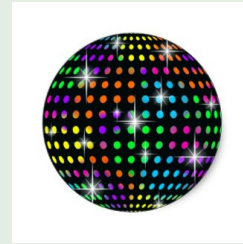
After school clubs start next week. On **Monday 16th** we welcome Science Oxford into school for a Year 3 and 4 workshop where children will explore how sound is generated and construct and test sound proofing apparatus.

On **Tuesday 17th**, during their assembly, pupils in Years 1 and 2 will talk with Mr Chris Nagle about a new Beaver Scouts Group he is setting up at Dalton.

Children—dust down your dancing shoes and polish your sequins - it's time for another school disco! The disco will take place in the school hall next **Friday 20th January**, and the arrangements are as follows:

Infant Disco (Reception, Y1, Y2) from 17:30 to 18:45  
Junior Disco (Y3 to Y6) from 19:00 to 20:30

The entrance fee is £3.00, payable on the door. The Junior Disco offers a tuck shop, we recommend that each child brings no more than £1.00. Please may we ask that children do not bring mobile phones or valuable items to the disco.



If you are willing and able to help, a doodle pool has been created for you to sign up to—visit <http://doodle.com/poll/3g3bnbnxst9p5wx2>

## FOLF 200 CLUB LOTTERY NEWS

### December 2016 draw winners

1st prize number 50  
2nd prize number 72

S Egerton  
T Campbell



### CONGRATULATIONS TO....

Amelie Cash (Year 4) for passing her Stage 6 in Swimming.



## The Iris Festival of Ancient and Modern Science

Cheney School  
Tuesday 7th February 2017, 3 - 7pm

We are delighted to announce that we are holding a Festival of Ancient and Modern Science on Tuesday 7th February 2017, 3 - 7pm at Cheney School.

This event is a celebration of ancient and modern science, and areas of the school will be themed on different areas of scientific understanding, with a very wide range of organisations offering activities, stalls and events which explore ancient and modern connections.

All ages are welcome to attend - there will be activities, performances, stalls and events suitable for every age range. There will also be outdoor bird demonstrations with the Department of Zoology, and stargazing with Professor Allan Chapman.

The Festival will be opened by Professor Robert Winston, and from 3 - 5.45pm there will be activities, demonstrations, stalls and exhibitions, and a walk-through exhibition in the Library. There will also be re-enactments, music and drama performances.

We are also hosting the following talks from authors and experts:

- 3 - 3.30pm - Professor Robert Winston opens the festival
- 3.45 - 4.15pm - Kyle Grant: "Growing Plants on Mars"
- 4.30 - 5pm - Ben Kane: "Archimedes and Ancient Weaponry"
- 5.15 - 5.45pm - Professor Helen King: "What's wrong with me? Symptoms and labels in Hippocratic medicine"
- 6 - 6.45pm - Professor Anthony Grayling: "The Science of the Presocratic Philosophers"

The festival itself does not require booking unless you are bringing a group. Author talks and Professor Winston do need to be booked, and can be done so by emailing [info@irisproject.org.uk](mailto:info@irisproject.org.uk), stating which talk(s) you would like to attend in the title.

Visit <http://eoccc.org.uk/the-iris-festival-of-ancient-and-modern-science> for more information.



**BEAVERS**

# TIME FOR FUN

Aged 6 - 8 years?

Looking for something fun to do with lots of opportunities to make new friends and enjoy loads of activities?

Why not give Beavers a try?.....

We're holding an

## OPEN EVENT

An activities based afternoon to give you a flavour of what's in store as a Beaver.... complete with campfire & marshmallows!

**NOTE: ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**

**DATE:** Sunday 22 Jan 2017

**TIME:** 3.00 - 5.00pm

**LOCATION:** 7th Abingdon Scout Hut, Dalton Barracks, Faringdon Rd, Shippon.

Contact Lorraine Aspell on 07707993454 or email - [aspells@connectfree.co.uk](mailto:aspells@connectfree.co.uk) for more details



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## Abingdon Prep Academy School Holiday Courses 2017



### Courses and workshops include:

- Music Technology & Popular Music Theory
- Guitar
- Rock School
- Science
- Drama
- ICT & Animation
- Cricket
- Rugby
- Football
- Multi-Sport, Swimming & Activity

### Booking & Course Enquiries:

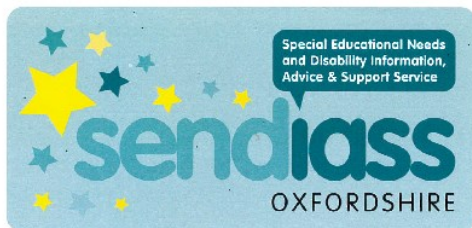
[prep.academy@abingdonprep.org.uk](mailto:prep.academy@abingdonprep.org.uk) or call 01865 391570

### Further information and to book online:

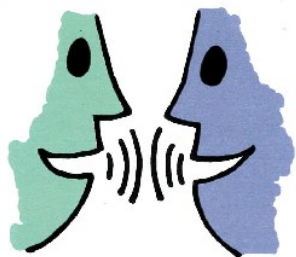
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### Outcomes

Wednesdays • 10 – 11.30am

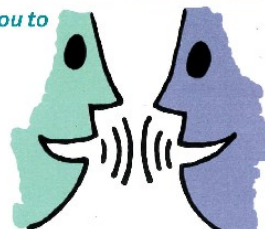
24 May 2017: Old Town Hall, Faringdon, SN7 7HL

21 June 2017: Exeter Hall, Kidlington, OX5 1AB

Refreshments will be served from 9.45am



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### SEN Support in Mainstream Schools

Wednesdays • 10 – 11.30am

25 January 2017: County Hall, Oxford, OX1 1ND

22 February 2017: Didcot Civic Hall, OX11 7JN

29 March 2017: Thame Barns Centre, OX9 3AJ

Refreshments will be served from 9.45am

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