



Longcot and Fernham Church of England Primary School

Our Value this Term: Justice

For the LORD loves the just and will not forsake his faithful
ones – Psalms 28

Monday 10th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

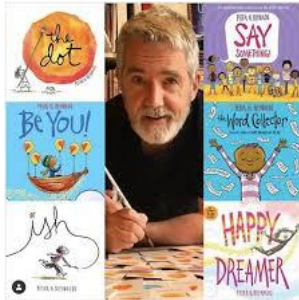
Welcome to the first newsletter of Term 4. Just two weeks into term, the half term holiday is a distant memory with so much happening at school and so much more to look forward to.

We have loved seeing Rocksteady Music sessions get underway on Friday afternoons and the band leader, Ellie, has reported how well the participants have done already. The choir are busy rehearsing for the Performing Arts Festival and the School Council have completed their Child Friendly Anti Bullying leaflet to share with the school community. This week Y6 girls took part in the football festival at FCC on Wednesday and were brilliant – well done girls!



Thursday was World Book Day and we must say, hats off to the commitment to dressing for the occasion with some brilliantly clever choices of word for the day. We all shared The Word Collector by Peter H Reynolds as a starting point for our learning on the day. Peter H. Reynolds is also our Author of the Term (see below!).

Author of the Term – Peter H. Reynolds



Peter H Reynolds is author of a wonderful collection of children's books which share themes of creativity, kindness and positive change. Peter's website can be found here -

<https://www.peterhreynolds.com/booksandfilms>

Peter is a Canadian born author who now lives in Massachusetts and is highly active in his community, as a working author, and as owner of The Blue Bunny Bookstore in his hometown!

Parents Evenings



We are looking forward to seeing you all at Parents Evenings this week. Please check your booking time and we'll see you there!

Parrot, Monkey, Jaguar and Toucan Class - Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th March between 3.15 and 7pm.

Lemur Class - Monday 10th (3.15 – 6), Wed 12 (3.15 – 4.15) and Thursday 13th 3.15 – 7pm.

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Easter Services

We are very pleased to invite you to join us for our Easter Services later this term. Reverend Patrick has confirmed that we can use St Mary's on Thursday 3rd April at the following times:

1.15- 2pm - Parrot, Monkey and Lemur Classes

2.10 – 2.55pm – Jaguar and Toucan Classes



We do hope that you will be able to join us to end the term with a celebration of the season.

Is your child a Young Carer?



In school, we are working towards establishing a Young Carers Group to support children in our setting who live with someone who suffers a physical or mental illness and requires care. Young Carers are not always the givers of care (indeed often this is not the case, as adults in the household are able to do this) however, they may have a slightly different experience due to having someone in their home who requires care or is not always able to play as active a role as they might wish in their lives. This could relate to a parent or carer, a sibling, or an older relative who lives

in the same home. If you feel that your child may benefit from being part of our Young Carers group in school, please let Mrs Robins know so that we can ensure we include them.

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Cricket Taster Day

On Wednesday this week (12th March), we are looking forward to welcoming Nick from Oxford Cricket to lead Assembly and to run cricket sessions for all children from Y1 to Y6 throughout the day. This is a great opportunity at no extra cost to parents and carers. Please could all children in Monkey, Lemur, Jaguar and Toucan Classes wear PE kit on Wednesday, even if not their usual PE day.



Jigsaw – Healthy Me!



In Jigsaw (our Personal and Social Education programme) this term, we are all working on the 'Healthy Me' puzzle piece. The focus of this learning is on how to be physically and mentally healthy. We cover healthy eating, hygiene, exercise, healthy screen time habits, safe use of medicines and keeping ourselves safe (at different points across the school). Please support your child with this learning by

talking with them about the food we eat, the impact of exercise and movement on our bodies and healthy habits such a good teeth cleaning, handwashing and controlled screen time.

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Attendance

As you know, we place great importance on school attendance and recognise how quickly it impacts a child's learning, wellbeing, confidence and peer relationships when they miss school. Our target attendance is 96% and we need all families to work with us to support is in achieving this.

Current attendance: 95.47%	Attendance target: 96%
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Don't forget to take note of the dates below. We look forward to all that the rest of the term has in store!

Best wishes,

Mrs Robins and the Longcot team

Dates for the diary

Monday 10 th March	Lemur Parent Evenings 3.15 – 6pm
Tuesday 11 th March	Parrot, Monkey, Jaguar & Toucan Parent Evenings 3.15 – 7pm
Wednesday 12 th March	Cricket taster day
Wednesday 12 th March	Lemur Parent Evenings 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 13 th March	Parrot, Monkey, Jaguar & Toucan Parent Evenings 3.15 – 7pm
17 th – 21 st March	Neurodiversity Celebration Week
Monday 17 th March	SEND Parents Coffee Morning 8.50 – 9.45am
Wednesday 19 th March	Y6 FCC Extra Transition Visit for Small Schools 9-11
Friday 21 st March	Red Nose Day
Monday 24 th March	Toucan and Jaguar Sewing parent event 1.45pm
Tuesday 25 th March	Netball Festival (invited Y5/6 children only)
Weds 26 th & Thurs 27 th March	Bikeability Year 5 sessions
Thursday 27 th March	Performing Arts Festival (Choir only)
Wednesday 2 nd April	Natural History Museum Trip (Toucan & Jaguar)
Thursday 3 rd April	Easter Services at St Marys
Friday 4th April	End of Term 4, 1.15pm
Tuesday 22nd April	Term 5 begins
Wednesday 23 rd April	Y6 FCC Extra Transition Visit for Small Schools 9-12
Thursday 24 th April	School Photographs (Classes)
w/c 12 th May	SATS Week for Y6
Friday 23 rd May	End of Term 5
Monday 2 nd June	Teacher Training Day (no children in school)
Tuesday 3 rd June	Term 6 begins
Wednesday 2 nd July	Y6 Meet the Tutor Evening at FCC
Friday 4 th July	Summer picnic
Tuesday 8 th and Wednesday 9 th July	FCC Transition Days for Y6
Tuesday 22 nd July	End of Term 6 - 1.15pm

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Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Our School Designated Safeguarding Leads are

Mrs Sally Robins – DSL

Mrs Kent & Mrs McCluskey-Hornbuckle - Deputy DSLs

What to do if you think a child is at risk of abuse or neglect:

Immediate danger- call the police on 999

Immediate concern- If you have a concern about a child, please call
MASH on 0345 050 7666

A special helpline is available if you are concerned that a child you
know is being **sexually exploited**. Contact the Kingfisher Team on
01865 309196

[What to do if you think a child is at risk of abuse or neglect -
Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board \(oscb.org.uk\)](#)

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