

A word from Mrs Milner

Friday 9th December 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is so cold at the moment....I don't know about you, but I personally enjoy cold and crispy days. Next week is the penultimate week before we break for Christmas and we are all going to be ever so busy: the music concert; the Year 4 performance; the RockSteady concert; the Christmas service for our pupils and staff at St. Michael's church; our first Santa Dash (opening our running track); and our PTA Christmas Cheer - amongst others!

Our PTA work so hard to ensure that we, as a school, create wonderful experiences for the children. I am very grateful for their kind donation that has allowed us to purchase our huge sustainable Christmas tree that will be enjoyed by children for many years to come—it really does make our hall look very festive! The Christmas Cheer event on Friday will be a lovely time for us all to get together. The PTA are requesting donations of cakes to sell on their refreshment stall. If you are able to donate—please bring your donation to the office on Friday morning. (Just remember—we are “no nuts” school!)

We will also be saying goodbye to Mr Ahmed and Mrs Drake at the end of this term. I am now able to outline with you our staffing for the spring term and beyond. I am pleased to confirm that Mr Nick Brown and Mrs Samantha Cave-Hawkes will be joining our school as Year 4 and Year 6 class teachers - respectively. Unfortunately, due to the contractual notice periods for the teaching staff, they both will be able to join us at the beginning of summer term. We are very fortunate, therefore, that Mrs Victoria Lang, an experienced Year 6 teacher, will step in during the spring term to take Mrs Drake's class. Mr Ahmed's Yr4 class will be covered by our existing staff (Mrs Bannister and Mrs McCarthy), who have kindly agreed to increase their teaching commitments for next term. Mrs Tandara will become a full time Year 4 teacher and Miss Richer will replace Mrs McCarthy in Year 5 on Fridays.

I would like to say a huge thank you to our existing staff who, in their utmost resolve to ensure that the children's teaching and learning is not disrupted, are helping us to ensure continuity for our children. As a Headteacher, I really cannot ask for more. Thank you once again.

My next week's newsletter will be full of information about our Christmas razzmatazz -so until then:

Goodbye and keep warm!

With my warmest wishes,

Dorota Milner

Headteacher

P.S. Obviously, it goes without saying – England to win. Keeping fingers crossed for a comfortable win against a formidable opponent such as France.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
12.12.22	Yr3 watching St George's Nativity Play * 3.45pm Music concert for parents (who are studying an instrument within school time)
13.12.22	Rocksteady Concert @10am * Yr4 Christmas performance (matinee: 2pm and evening performances: 6.30pm)
14.12.22	Yr4 Ancient Greek Day * Christmas Lunch
15.12.22	Christmas Carols at St Michael's Church (All School)
16.12.22	Christmas Jumper Day Santa Dash—2.45pm (children in festive head gear please!) PTA Christmas Cheer event (afterschool)
Tues 20.12.22 End of Term 1.30pm	Break up at 1.30pm on Tuesday 20th December 2022. No Hideout Zone afterschool club on last day of term. Breakfast club is still available. Return to school Thursday 5th January 2023.
5.1.23	School returns for Spring Term
11.1.23	Taekwondo after school club re-starts
12.1.23	First Touch Football after school club re-starts
16.1.23	Young Voices at the O2
21.1.23	Cross Country Event—Lowndes Park, Chesham
1.2.23	Year 4 Cross Country at The Misbourne School
7.2.23	GB Athlete Visit
9.2.23	Year 3 Mega-Fest Rugby at Dr Chaltoners
4.3.22	Cross Country Event—Little Misenden
20.3.23-24.3.23	Yr6 Residential
08.05.23	Additional BANK HOLIDAY- His Majesty's coronation
17.6.23	PTA Summer Fair—SAVE THE DATE

House Point Totals

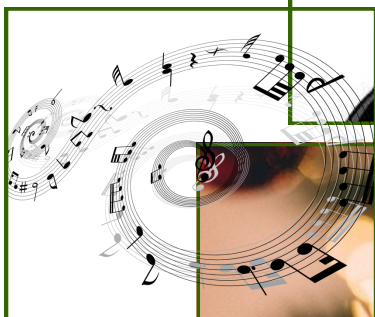
This Week	172	180	240	237
Since Start of Term	2534	2782	2413	2757
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar

Next Friday (16th December)



We have our first Santa Dash to open our new daily mile running track. Please encourage your child to bring in some festive headwear or a bit of tinsel so we can all be festive!

The “dash” will start at 2.45pm—parents are welcome to come and watch.



Our fantastic choir will be singing around 3.30pm



PTA CHRISTMAS CHEER EVENT 3.15PM

Friday 16th December—straight after school

- Refreshments
- Wrapping room / Christmas Market: a chance for children to buy a gift for members of their family
- Performance by the choir
- Lucky dip & name the dolphin

Children attending the Hideout Zone will be taken to the cheer event. Parents/carers—if you would like to give them some money for the wrapping room, please ensure this is in a named envelope and given to the office to keep safe across the day.



CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN'S TALENTS

EVERY WEEK IN OUR CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY, WE ALLOW TIME TO
RECOGNIZE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CHILDREN OUTSIDE OF
SCHOOL .

Luc was awarded the student of the year trophy in Taekwondo last weekend—this is a
huge achievement!



*PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO LET MRS MILNER KNOW THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS
BEFORE FRIDAY MORNING SO THEY CAN BE INCLUDED IN OUR ASSEMBLY*

More Woodside News

Free Courses

We have been contacted by AIM group as they are providing free online courses on a number of subjects including:

Children and Young Peoples Mental Health

Understanding Autism

Understanding Behaviour That Challenges in Children

Special Educational Needs and Disability

Mental health awareness

Counselling

Specific learning difficulties

Understanding menopause within the workplace

Mental health first aid and mental health advocacy in the workplace

Equality and Diversity

Adverse childhood experiences

Suicide and self-harm prevention

As a school we cannot promote or encourage participation in any external courses and we are unable to take responsibility for the content however, we did want to share this opportunity with you in case you would like to look into these further.

Please click [here](#) to access their website. Further information can also be provided by Stacey Taylor-Hinds on 0203 900 3091 extension 226, or by [email](#).

Wellbeing

Across the festive period there are lots of activities and workshops that you may be interested in across Buckinghamshire. Advice and support lines are also available throughout the holidays.

Please click [here](#) to access the Family Information Service Directory.

Clubs for the Spring Term—click on the club name for more details

Please note that children will be given an opportunity to sign up for all free clubs that are within school time—you do not need to complete any forms for these clubs. The school also offers various “drop in clubs” across lunchtimes.

Our popular wraparound care in our Hideout Zone is available for Breakfast Club and After School—booking can be made via MCAS and further details are available [here](#). Please call the office if you have any questions!

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Buckinghamshire Music Trust
*(includes tuition in piano, wind,
strings, brass etc)*

Rocksteady

Soundbox

SPORT OPPORTUNITIES

First Touch Football

Taekwondo

Hockey

Netball