

A word from Mrs Milner

Friday 27th January 2023



Dear Parents / Carers,

On Monday we celebrated International Mother Language Day. International Mother Language Day is observed every year to promote multilingualism. At the last count, there are twenty-two (including English) languages spoken at our school. This is remarkable and I am very proud of such a diverse community. On Monday children participated in an assembly celebrating linguistic diversity.

The 27th of January is the United Nations General Assembly designated International Holocaust Remembrance Day – an anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz -Birkenau concentration camp. On this annual day of commemoration, the UN urges every member state to honour six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust as well as millions of other victims of Nazism. All over the world, Auschwitz has become a symbol of terror and genocide. The camp was established by the Nazis in 1940, in the suburbs of Oswiecim, a Polish city. Auschwitz became the largest of the extermination centres, where the Nazi plan to murder European Jews, Poles, Romas and other groups was carried out. I was privileged enough to visit, what is now, a museum and was humbled by the experience. Auschwitz Birkenau serves as a terrifying reminder of the worst crimes in humankind's history, but more importantly, it is an ongoing memento for the millions of people that lost their lives in the Nazi concentration camps.

It is difficult to follow such a poignant paragraph. Weather has been playing tricks this month -frosty one day and then warmer the next! Thank you for ensuring that children are wearing warm coats. I would also like to say thank you as most of our pupils are wearing correct uniform as well as PE kits. I found this poem that to me sums January's weather. Spring is almost around the corner, and I am so looking forward to some sunshine and lighter mornings/evenings in weeks to come.

The sunshine gleams so bright and warm,
The sky is blue and clear.
I run outdoors without a coat,
And spring is almost here.
Then before I know it,
Small clouds have blown together,
Till the sun just can't get through them,
And again, it's mitten weather.

Author Unknown

With my warmest wishes
Dorota Milner

Request from Eco-council

The Eco-council re-launched "nude food" today (zero or re-useable packaging). If you have any spare lidded **Tupperware/containers**, please drop them into the office so we can re-distribute them to those that could benefit.

The children are also looking for donations of **cardboard egg cartons** to help with our composting. Again, please drop them into the office.

Thank you!

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
30.1.23 - 3.2.23	Chiltern Foodbank Collection all week
31.1.23	Year 3 trip to British Museum
2.2.23	Year 3 Mega-Fest Rugby at Dr Challoner's
3.2.23	Year 5 Cross Country event at the Misbourne School
7.2.23	GB Athlete Visit
10.2.23	Break the Rules Day!!
13.2.23 — 17.2.23	Half Term break
21.2.23	PTA Meeting 8-9pm via Zoom
23.2.23	Bags to School collection
1.3.23	Year 5 Trip to Living Rainforest
4.3.22	Cross Country Event—Little Misenden
6.3.22	Easter Hamper Raffle Tickets go on sale via Classlist
10.3.23	After school Bingo evening! All years welcome! More info to follow
20.3.23- 24.3.23	Year 6 Residential
27.3.23	Easter Hamper Raffle Draw!
30.3.23	Year 3 Dance Festival at Dr Challoner's
31.3.23	Break up at 1.30pm on Friday 31st March. No Hideout Zone afterschool club on last day of term. Breakfast club is still available. Return to school Monday 17th April.
1.5.23	Bank Holiday
5.5.23	Year 4 Tri Golf Festival at Chiltern Hills Academy
8.5.23	Additional BANK HOLIDAY- His Majesty's coronation
9.5.23	Year 3 Tennis event at Dr Challoner's
17.6.23	PTA Summer Fair—SAVE THE DATE
	Link to 2023/24 term dates on website

House Point Totals

This Week	211	254	182	266
Since Start of Term	3285	3532	3075	3494
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar

Safeguarding

For Parents - Fortnite Parental Controls

I know that Fortnite is popular with many children. Can I politely remind you that this game is aimed at children aged 12 and over, therefore it should not be played by anyone younger. Age restrictions are there for a reason. However, to minimise the risk, if parents choose to allow their child/children to play the game, please have a look at the parental controls.

Fortnite Chapter 4 has just been released, which means that many children are going to be talking about this. Similarly, some children who grew bored with Chapter 3 are going to be checking out the new Chapter 4. So now is a good time for parents to revisit those parental controls to set up the game and devices appropriately to the age of the child. There is a step-by-step guide to setting up parental controls on Fortnite. You can access it by following this link.

[Fortnite parental controls and privacy settings | Internet Matters](#)

Safer Internet Day—Free Webinar for Parents

The 7th of February 2023 is 'Safer Internet Day' and we will be holding a special assembly reminding the children about safe use of the Internet.

Please click [HERE](#) to access a free online safety webinar for parents held on Thursday 9th February at 7pm.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Are you new to SEND?

If so, you may like to join one of the Bucks webinars, which will give you the basics you need to know. Webinars are aimed at supporting parents and carers co-produced with FACT Bucks, the parent carer forum. Please find the links below to their previous webinars:

<https://www.factbucks.org.uk/training-resources/>

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/bucks-sendias-service/news-events-and-training/>

Future webinars include:

- Emotionally-based school avoidance - 10am - 11am - Friday 10th February 2023
- Mental capacity - 10am - 11am - Friday 24th February 2023
- Preparing for adulthood - 10am - 11am - Friday 10th March 2023

Webinars are co-produced with [FACT Bucks](#), for parents and carers.

- [Parents Communicating Confidently](#) - to help you to be as effective as possible when dealing with SEND professionals and paperwork, for your own child and if you want to get involved on parent dialogue groups and strategy groups
- [SEN Support](#) - helps you to find out about the support available in Buckinghamshire for children and young people with SEND in mainstream schools, colleges and early years settings
- [EHC Needs Assessment](#) - find out when and how to apply for EHC needs assessment
- [Capturing your child's views](#) - to understand why your child's views are important and gives you some ideas to try with your child (webinar is in association with Heritage House)
- [Navigating the health service](#) - aimed at improving your knowledge about what is available in Buckinghamshire to support your child's health needs and in improving your confidence to make the most of it.

FACT Bucks website - [Home - FACT Bucks | Families And Carers Together in Bucks](#)

Wellbeing

FREE Courses For Young People Delivered by the Family Support Service

The FSS are very pleased to let you know we will be running three exciting projects online and in person for young people in years 7 and upwards starting in February 2023. Each course is for six weeks and commence the week beginning 20 February 2023. The closing date for referrals is 6 February. We have courses on:

- How to Build Positive relationships: Online. This course is for young people who struggle with relationships in different aspects which could include with friends or families. It aims to give general strategies for dealing with relationships indifferent contexts including online.
 - How to deal with Stress, anxiety & low mood: High Wycombe and Online. This course aims to help young people name, express and normalise emotions, explore techniques for managing them and explore the relationship between thoughts, feelings and actions.
 - How to Build Confidence and self-esteem: Steeple Claydon, Beaconsfield and Virtual. This course aims to give young people the space to explore what makes them special and unique by giving them practical strategies to increase their confidence and self-esteem including self-awareness, identity and dealing with setbacks.
- We also offer drop-ins for young people and families to pop in and get help, advice and guidance. These run Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.

- Aylesbury: Southcourt Family Centre Plus, Aylesbury College Campus, Oxford Road, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire HP21 8PD, [01296 398 242](tel:01296398242), southcourtfcp@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
- High Wycombe: Mapledean Family Centre Plus, Cressex Road, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire HP12 4PR, [01494 450 279](tel:01494450279), mapledeanfcp@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
- Chiltern and South Bucks: Newtown (Chesham) Family Centre Plus, Berkhamsted Road, Chesham, Buckinghamshire HP5 3AT, [01494 776 786](tel:01494776786), newtownfcp@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Thank you and if you have any further questions about the courses, please do not hesitate to contact us.

[Link to the Family Support Service-Help for young people in Buckinghamshire | Family Information Service](#)

Flu Vaccinations

We have received a note from the immunisation team at Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust to pass on to our community regarding the flu vaccine:

Due to unprecedented levels of flu/COVID-19 and other respiratory infections circulating in the community, the School Aged Immunisation Team would like to offer the children at your school a final opportunity to receive a flu vaccine if they have not already done so. Please contact the [office](#) if you would like to be forwarded this information.

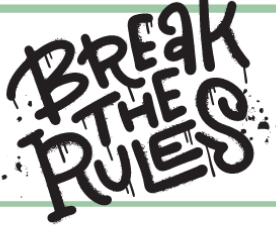


Food Bank Collection

Chiltern Foodbank are welcoming donations during the week of Monday 30th January — Friday 3rd February either via your child's class teacher or to the main school office. Please click [here](#) to see which items would be greatly appreciated.



Upcoming dates for your diary Spring Term 2023



w/c Mon Jan	30th	Chiltern Foodbank collection all week. Leave donations in the boxes outside the school office or with teachers, more info on Classlist.
Friday Feb	10th	Break The Rules Day!! More info to follow.... 
Thurs Feb	23rd	Bags2School collection: please donate unwanted & good condition clothes and shoes. Leave bags by school office.
March	date tbc	2nd hand uniform sale After school – cash & card payment available
Mon March	6th	 Easter Hamper Raffle tickets go on sale via Classlist
Fri March	10th	After school Bingo evening! All years welcome! More info to follow
Mon March	27th	 Easter Hamper Raffle Draw!
Sat June	17th	SAVE THE DATE – SUMMER FAIR!



Woodside PTA, raising funds to enhance the childrens' educational experience
Come and join our lovely PTA team – next meeting 21st February 2023 8pm, via zoom
details available on Classlist nearer the time