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Newsletter— February 2017

We have had a busy half term with some exciting new activities in school and some new staff and children joining us. We would like to welcome Mr Custance who will be working with the Eagles class for 6 weeks, while Miss McKay gains some experience in a different school.

We say a sad farewell to Mrs Scott who is leaving us on Friday and we wish her all the best in her new career in the church.

Well Done!!!!

Congratulations to Mrs Litchfield who has achieved her level 6 Primary School Physical Education Sports leadership qualification. Well done and we look forward to seeing more of her new sporting ideas in the future.



Golden Coins



This half term we have introduced golden coins as an instant reward for those children displaying our values around the school. The children are collecting them for their coloured teams with a reward for the team that has collected the most coins at the end of each half term. We have already noted a marked improvement in the way the children are moving around the school and an increased level of respect in the way in which the children are interacting with each other and the staff.

Lunchtime Activity Leader and Lunchtime Clubs

Since the beginning of this term we have introduced a number of initiatives to support the children over the lunchtime period. We welcome Mr Paris to the lunchtime team. He is an activity leader. He works with the play leaders, supporting them with the activities that they plan and run for their peers as well as running his own activities for the children. Mr Paris is already a popular member of staff and the children are really enjoying working with him. Also, the teaching staff are running a number of indoor lunchtime clubs, Robins Retreat, Construction club, Reading and Writing clubs, The Marathon Challenge and Choir. Again these clubs have proved very popular and are helping to ensure that all of our children have happy and busy lunchtimes.

Parents Evening

Please note that due to a clash of dates with Alban Academy parents evening has been moved to **Thursday 23rd February** and all appointments can be booked via the website.



What have we been up to?

Sainsbury's Games Alban Family Tag Rugby Tournament,

Wednesday 11th January 2017 and Wednesday 8th February 2017

We entered 18 tag rugby players into the tournament to represent the school. The teams played fantastically, both getting through to the semi-finals. Unfortunately this meant that they had to play each other and the A team won coming out with three tries to nil. In the group final the A team played Renhold who proved to be the stronger team. With both teams being group winners we got through to the final. What a fantastic representation for the school, all of our 18 tag rugby players showed an outstanding performance in the final with the A team coming 3rd; winning 3 games, losing 1 and drawing to Renhold and the B team coming 6th well done to everyone.



A team: Marley, Archie, Akiel, Owen, Thomas B, Thomas O,
Jasmine, Millie, Poppy



B team: Matthew, Toby, Alfie, Lewis, Callum, Ben, Elena, Eva,
Phoebe

Foundation Stage Chinese New Year

As part of the Foundation Stage topic this term Wrens and Robins were invited to go to lunch at The Golden Cross, Great Barford to celebrate Chinese New Year.

They had a fantastic time and were given the opportunity to experience some Chinese food.



In the net—Y4 Cyber Bullying Performance

Year 4 enjoyed a performance at Alban Academy on Cyber Bullying and internet safety. It was very informative and helped the children understand the dangers of using the internet.

Tennis Workshops

Riverside Tennis Club came into to school to run some workshops for children in Years 1 to 4. The children had a fantastic day with lots of fun activities and games. Thanks to Riverside Tennis club for being able to offer the children such a great opportunity.

Reading and Rugby

Children in Key Stage 2 have had the opportunity this term to work with Ben Gulliver, the Community Manager at Bedford Blues Rugby Club. The Ospreys Class have so far enjoyed four weeks of reading in small groups, followed by an hour of Tag Rugby. They have absolutely loved it, not only because they have enjoyed the rugby, but because they have made progress with their reading too. Eagles Class will be taking part next, followed by Woodpeckers.

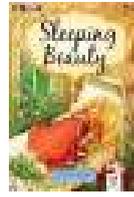
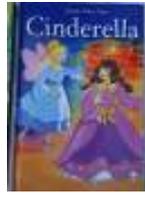
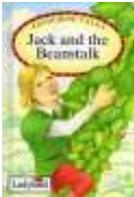


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What's coming up next half term

WOW DAY

Owls and Puffins begin their new topic 'Huff and Puff' next term. To start the topic off we would like to invite all the children to dress up in 'traditional costumes' on the first day of next half term—**Monday 20th February**. Please bring with you the book of the fairy tale so the children can talk about their character.



Bikeability

Bikeability will take place for the children in Woodpeckers, Ospreys and Eagles classes on **Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th May**. This will allow the children to achieve their Level 1 Bikeability Award, a nationally recognised standard for cycling training. Children will be allocated a date nearer the time. Your child will need to be able to cycle on a two wheeled roadworthy bike (working brakes, pumped up tyres etc) and have a bike helmet which conforms with at least standard BSEN1078. If your child wishes to take part in Bikeability and you have not as yet told us (letters did go out in the Autumn Term) please advise the office asap.

Robins

Freya W, Evelyn,
Jazmine, Noah

Owls

Alannah, Charlie, Eliza, Esme,
Peggy

Puffins

Isla, Marcus, Chloe,
Sofia, Lacey, Dexter

Woodpeckers

Sadie, Emma, Micheal, Miles, Freya

Osprey's

Jessica, Archie,
Elliott, Rebecca,
Skye

Eagles

Elena, Owen,
Marley, Millie,
Phoebe

As part of our vision and values for this half term the values champions have received a golden ticket. This ticket is for our Values Champion's Tea Party on **Monday 20th February** in the school hall, 2.45-3.15pm.

If your child has been awarded a golden ticket they are invited to attend a tea party with a special guest (for example, grandparent or parent). Unfortunately other school age children are unable to attend.





Dates for the new half term

Date	Event	Year Group
Mon 20th February	First day back to school	Whole School
Mon 20th February	Values Tea Party	Guests of children who have a golden ticket
Tues 21st February	Yr 3 First Aid Training	Woodpeckers
Wed 22nd February	Friends Committee meeting 7.30– 9pm	All welcome
Thurs 23rd February	Parents Consultations 1.20—3.20pm 4.30-7.30pm	Robins/Owls/Puffins/Woodpeckers/ Eagles/Ospreys
Fri 24th February	Yr 2 DT day	Puffins
Thurs 2nd March	Class Photo's	Whole school
Fri 3rd March	Yr1 DT day	Owls
Thurs 9th March	Behaviour Workshop followed by Open House	Whole School
Thurs 16th March	Yr 1 Assembly 9.10 am	Owls
Mon 20th March	KS1—KS2 Intraschool PE competition	Owls/Puffins/Woodpeckers/Eagles/ Ospreys
Fri 24th March	School Disco 5.30-6.45pm	Whole School Nursery and reception children must be accompanied by an adult
Tues 28th March	Y4 Easter Story Clapham	Osprey's/ Eagles
Thurs 30th March	Y4 Cake Sale 3.30-4.30pm	Osprey's/ Eagles
Fri 31st March	Last Day of Spring Term	Whole School
Tuesday 18th April	First Day of Summer Term	Whole School
Easter Holiday—Monday 3rd April—Tuesday 18th April		

Sports Points



Green	63
Blue	61
Yellow	60
Red	57