



Newsletter

Autumn Term

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Inspire, Enjoy, Achieve

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Dear Parents/Carers

Over the last two weeks the whole school have enjoyed participating in Squirrels class latest growing project. Each class has visited Squirrels on several occasions to follow the life cycle of a chicken, from the turning of the eggs in the incubator to the wonderful moments when the chicks hatched. Mrs Catchpole and Squirrels class are now proud owners of 9 fluffy chicks.

Otters class have been out to Shortstown Primary School this week to practise their singing in preparation for their performance in the Bedford Big Spring Sing at Kings House in March. Miss Grey was very proud of the children who behaved extremely well and sang beautifully.

Please remember to book in for your parent consultations next week to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. These important meetings enable us to work together to support your children's learning journey in the best possible way.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Karen Headland

Diary Dates

31st January—National Bug Busting day

1st February—Years 4,5& 6 to Alban Academy Internet Safety Show

7th February—Parent Consultations 1.30pm-7pm

Rabbits, Squirrels, Badgers & Otters

7th February—Last Fencing Club

8th February—Parent Consultations 8.45am-11am

Squirrels, Badgers & Otters

9th February—Last Dance Club

9th February—Pre School Consultations 9.15am-11.45am

10th February—Pre School Consultations 9.15am-11.45am

Money Envelopes

In the past we have been able to distribute to children money envelopes for school money use, i.e dinner monies, trips etc. Unfortunately our supplier no longer produces them, so we are no longer able to supply them. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you. However please ensure that monies come into school in a named envelope with a description of the payment enclosed on it, if you would prefer to use a money envelope then we are aware that Wilkinson's, Poundstretcher and other local shops do sell these very reasonably priced.

Absences

If your child is going to be off school please ensure that you phone in to the office on **each day of their absence before 9.15am**.

There is an option when you call in to leave a message on the answerphone, if you choose this option please state your child's name, class and reason for their absence. Alternatively you are more than welcome to phone in and speak to the office directly.

Many Thanks

Attendance

Well done to Rabbits and Otters this week for their attendance of 97.3% and Badgers last week. Charlie Bear goes to Rabbits and Snowy Bear goes to Otters. Well done Rabbits and Otters.

This Newsletters Values Awards!

Oakley, Reuben, Alex M, Olivia S, Ellie, Zuzanna,
Erin, Charlotte.



National Bug Busting Day

The aim on national Bug Busting Days is to find all the head lice and zap them in one fell swoop. This stops them from circulating endlessly.

Why take part on Bug Busting Days?

Because informed, united action stops head lice from circulating endlessly. Combing wet, conditioned hair with a Bug Buster comb is a reliable detection method even when very few lice are present. Thoroughly wet lice stay still; dry or damp lice move quickly away from disturbance evading detection. If you require any further information you can call 01908 561928 Bug Buster Helpline.

Bletchley Park

Please turn over for helpful information for children keeping safe when online.

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Bletchley Park - Online Safety

Bletchley Park came into school to speak to KeyStage2 about online safety.

They gave the children some really useful points:-

Pop-Ups

If a box pops up on your laptop, computer or Ipad that you think is suspicious; clicking on the 'x' may activate the link. Instead press **ALT and F4** to get rid of it safely.

Personal Information

DO NOT give out your personal information, which includes:

Name, Address, date of birth, phone number, school or passwords

Stranger Danger

Don't believe someone is who they say they are from their profile picture or what they tell you.

Don't trust people you don't know.

Change passwords often.

Cyber Ethics

If you wouldn't say it to someone personally, don't say it online.

Cyber Bullying

If you receive unwanted messages, pictures or calls:

STOP - the correspondence, don't reply

BLOCK - the person, so they can't send messages or call

TELL - a trusted adult

Passwords

Make passwords difficult to work out. Don't use names or memorable dates, instead use first letters of a song title or poem.

Eg. TTLSHIWWYA (Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)

Or change some letters for numbers

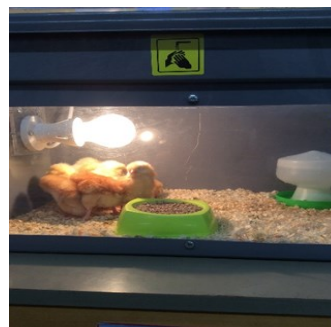
Eg. Fr4anc3 sch001 m0nd4y

Squirrels Class



In Squirrels Class this term we have been learning all about animals and their young in Science. We were very lucky to receive some living eggs which we carefully nurtured and have now hatched into cute fluffy

chicks! This experience has enabled the children to learn about the life cycle of the hen and use their observational skills to understand the development process from egg to chick. Mrs Catchpole will be caring for the hens at home and the children will be able to



follow their development into fully grown hens. When they lay their first eggs, the children will see the process beginning again.

Caterlink

We have been asked to remind you by Caterlink our school dinner provider that **all** dinners are to be paid for in advance. Many Thanks.

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