



Happy New Year! It was lovely to see so many happy, excited and motivated children on Wednesday, all keen to set new targets to aspire to this half term. Having a shorter week has enabled us to settle back into routines gradually. New spelling should come home today and Home Learning will follow on Monday.

I hope that you have all had a moment to absorb our Ofsted Report. We are very proud of our achievements as we are now one of the highest rated schools in the county. There is, of course, a feeling of disappointment amongst us all that we couldn't tip into the overall outstanding category, particularly considering the timing of the inspection following the ongoing challenge of the pandemic. However, we are not dwelling on it and the resilience we have all displayed through this just encapsulates why our children are so persistent as learners, always striving for more.

Even with the challenges of the pandemic and Ofsted, congratulations must go to Mrs Hothi and Miss O'Kelly who have secured their middle leadership national qualification! The next focus over the coming weeks is our UNICEF assessment. We are submitting our evidence this week and we have the assessment day in mid-January. Lets hope we can achieve the silver award that we have been working towards.

Our clubs all begin next week, if you haven't already signed up using SchoolCloud, then please contact the office. Children can join clubs at any point in the term if there is space to accommodate them. We are still having to run clubs in bubbles to keep close contacts to a minimum.

Our fundraising in the last 2 weeks of term, led by the HSA and supported by so many of you, was phenomenal. We will be able to report the grand total raised so far this year after our next HSA meeting which takes place on Thursday 13th January at 7.30pm at 1 Mill Street. You are very welcome to join us, if you'd like to get more involved in our school community. Thank you again for your continued support of all our fundraising ideas.

Money raised will continue to fund additional enrichment activities for our children. This term they will be designing and gathering ideas for an outdoor reading area which is our next project, and Darrell, our resident artist is booked in to work with all the children straight after half term.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 13th Jan, 7.30pm HSA meeting, 1 Mill Street

Wed 26th Jan, 9am Year 5 Assembly

Thurs 03rd Feb Year 6 visit to Houses of Parliament

Thurs 10th Feb Year 5 & 6 Saxon workshop

Fri 11th Feb Year 5 Space Camp

21st – 25th Feb Half Term

Mon 28th Feb Back to school

Emails sent out:

Ofsted Report and Letter from Governors
Young Voices update to Young Voices club
Snack Shack information to all years

Letters sent out:

Club letters to relevant year groups
Saxon workshop information to Years 5 & 6
Houses of Parliament visit to Year 6
Cooking letter to Year 4

Playworker Vacancy

We are looking to appoint a Playworker to join Rockets, our after-care provision, from 3pm to 6pm daily. These hours/days are negotiable.

The role involves providing and preparing snacks, supervising the children in play, setting up and clearing away activities and working in a team of up to 7 staff to ensure the care for our children is outstanding.

Please contact the office if you, or someone you know, are interested.

Spring term 2022—and we're off!

