



Shine as Lights in the World
Philippians 2.15

April 4th 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 3/4 Musical Production

A huge well done to all of the children who performed in the Year 3 and 4 production of *Jonah: a fishy tale* this week. Both performances were truly spectacular, and I hope that their families all enjoyed the shows (or had a whale of a time, if you'll excuse the pun). Thank you to all of the adults who helped to make it such a success.

Big Science

We had our annual Big Science competition assembly yesterday and were joined by Mrs Bagnall (formerly Napper), Mrs Hobbs and Dr Bowness who used their professional scientific knowledge and experience to judge each of the finalists. Each group presented their findings brilliantly, demonstrating excellent understanding and scientific thinking, but after much deliberation, George and Alex, both in Year 6 were chosen for their fascinating investigation into static electricity. Congratulations to both of them!

Staffing update

I am delighted to share with you that Miss Sleight, our Deputy Headteacher and one of the teachers of Sycamore Class is expecting her second child. She will begin her maternity leave in September, and I will share the school's plans for staffing in Sycamore and all classes in Term 6.

This week we said goodbye to Mme Smith and Frau Schmidt, our long serving and dedicated language teacher as she moves on to new adventures. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her incredible contribution to Wychwood. Merci! Danke!

Healthy Snacks

Thank you so much to all of the families who are providing a healthy snack for their children every day. Reception and Key Stage 1 children are provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable every day, but I thought it might be useful to share these ideas from the NHS again for the parents of children in Key Stage 2:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/healthier-snacks/>



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Lifesaving course

As previously advertised, we are running the lifesaving course for our swimming pool on the weekend of 17th and 18th May. If anyone is interested in taking the course and hasn't already put their name down, please speak to the office.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Details	Who
7 th – 21 st April	Easter Holidays	All
22 nd & 29 th April, 6 th & 20 th May, 3 rd June	Year 6 Swimming – Chipping Norton	Group A
23 rd April	Year 4 Languages Day (Burford School)	Year 4
24 th April	Year 6 SATS Parent Meeting 5.30pm	Year 6 parents
30 th April – 2 nd May	Bushcraft Residential	Year 4
1 st May	Burford School Coffee Morning (at Wychwood)	Year 5/6 Parents
17 th / 18 th May	Lifeguarding course	Parents
4 th June	Burford School Transition meeting 3.30pm (at Wychwood)	Year 4/5 Parents
10 th 17 th & 24 th June, 1 st & 8 th July	Year 6 Swimming – Chipping Norton	Group B
12 th June	Sports Day	All
3 rd July	Year 1 and 2 trip to Warwick Castle	Year 1 and 2
4 th July	Year 2 Sleepover	Year 2

Birthday Book Donations

Happy Birthday's to Isabelle & Oreofe (Sycamore). Thank you for donating a book to your class. We hope you had a special day! If you would like to donate a book, please collect a donation sticker from the school office.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Best wishes,

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