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**Shine as Lights in the World**  
**Philippians 2.15**

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Young Voices**

What an amazing time we all had at Young Voices in London. The children had a fabulous time and I would like to thank Miss Rumsby, Mrs Napper, Mrs Wheatley, Mrs King, Mrs Warburton, Mrs Witts and Mrs Rasdall for looking after the children in what was a very long day!

**Reception Trip**

On Wednesday Reception took the bus all the way to Oxford to visit the Story Museum! Some of the children told me the best bit of the trip was the bus journey, but I know they enjoyed the activities on offer at the Museum. Thank you to all the Reception staff for providing such a wonderful opportunity for our youngest children.

**Year 6 Residential**

Yesterday we held a parent information meeting for Year 6 parents regarding the Year 6 residential trip. Student Information update forms will be sent home today for the parents who were unable to attend.

**Language Leaders**

Madame Smith and the newly created Language Leaders led yesterday's assembly to share new games that they will be leading with children at playtime. The first game they introduced was 'Une, deux, trois, soleil!' Thank you to Madame Smith and the Language Leaders.

**School Swimming Support**

We are looking forward to getting the school pool up and running again for this year. Part of this process is arranging training for parents to complete the lifesaving course so they can use the pool as a family and help the school with swimming lessons. For several years this has been organised by Sam Bevan, Sam is willing to arrange the course and run the membership for the pool this year as she did last year, but it would be good to find someone who could take this over from her. Ideally to work alongside her this year to see how she arranges training, co-ordinating the date and paperwork with our trainer and setting up the bookings. If you could support the school by helping this year and taking it over next year, we



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would love to hear from you, please let the office know and we can put you in touch with Sam to find out more.

### **The Prayer for School Group met on Thursday the 1st February**

If you have an area of school that you would like prayer for, please do let us know or if you would like to join us, please feel free to contact: Jenny Miller on [steve-jen@live.co.uk](mailto:steve-jen@live.co.uk) or Jo Barham on [Davidandjobarham@gmail.com](mailto:Davidandjobarham@gmail.com)

We prayed for the following areas:

- For the staff - new and returning - that they settle into the school routines and are supported.
- For the Open the Book assemblies - that the children would continue to enjoy these as they learn about God and the Bible.
- For all the school trips and outings this term, that they run smoothly and that the travel goes without a hitch.
- For half-term, that the staff would feel refreshed and renewed.
- We're thankful for all the afterschool clubs and activities. We prayed that the children would enjoy the variety and opportunities and bless those that run them.
- For Mr Rubba and all the decisions he has to make with the Governors, we prayed for wisdom and insight as they lead the school.
- For playtimes and lunchtimes, that the children would enjoy socialising, learning to get along with one another, despite very cold or wet weather.
- For the PTA, we are so blessed that there is such a creative and imaginative team. Again, we prayed for wisdom as they spend the money raised - as they look to find ways of blessing the children and staff.

Message from our PTA:

### **Bake for Books & Preloved Fancy Dress Sale – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

Our next B4B cake sale is for Maple Class – we'd love donations of cakes and bakes from Maple class parents and guardians – these can be brought into the office during the week after half term. And if you're able to help sell cakes after school, we'd be very grateful – just let Daisy or another member of the PTA know.

We'll also be running a preloved Fancy Dress sale at the same time to raise money for the Eco Council, and hopefully provide some inspiration for World Book Day costumes! If you're having a clear out over half term, please bring donations to the office.

Thank you very much,

The PTA Team



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Please see the term dates below for events happening in the Spring Term.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Who</b>
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Multi-skills at Burford School	Year 3
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	End of Spring Term 1	All
February 12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term	All
February 19 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Spring Term 2	All
February 19 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	Residential- Kilvrough	Year 6
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Visit to St. Mary's Church	KS1
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	Hill End Trip	Year 5
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Heights and Weights Survey	Reception & Year 6
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day	All
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Meetings	All
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Meetings	All
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Street dancing at Burford School	Year 4
March 18 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability- Cycle proficiency training	Year 5
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Swimming Gala	Selected KS2 pupils
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	The Boy at the Back of the Class Theatre trip	Year 3/4
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Science Oxford- Planetarium	Year 5/6
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3/4 Performance 2:15 in School Hall	Year 3/4
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3/4 Performance 5.30 in School Hall	Year 3/4
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Tag Rugby at Burford School	Selected Year 5/6
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	End of Spring Term- 1:30	All
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Term begins	All

### **Birthday Book Donations**

Happy Birthday to Frank (Willow), Tasmin & Matthew (Chestnut). Thank you for donating a book to your class. We hope you have a special day! If you would like to donate a book, please collect a donation sticker from the school office.



Thank you for your continued support.

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