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Shine as Lights in the World  
Philippians 2.15

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February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Staffing**

I'm pleased to share with you that Mrs Gent has been promoted to Assistant Headteacher. She will be leading teaching and learning across the school. Our Deputy Headteacher Miss Sleight returns from Maternity Leave and will be leading on curriculum matters. Up until Easter she will be supporting in Reception. Mrs Niner who has been teaching Ash class part time this week, will be returning to full time teaching with Ash after half term. I want to thank Mrs Wheatley for doing such an incredible job stepping into the Reception classroom and helping new staff and children settle into our school so well. Mrs Wheatley's time will be divided as follows: Monday teaching Willow class, Tuesday teaching in Reception and Wednesday teaching in Oak.

### **Year 3 Multi Skills**

We had a great time on Wednesday at Burford with the Year 3 children participating in the Multi Skills day. The children represented themselves and the school well, cheering each other on and having a lot of fun!

### **World Book Day**

We are all looking forward to celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** and we have lots of fun book related activities planned for the day. As for the past couple of years, **we are inviting children to come dressed as an adjective** (describing word). At Wychwood we love learning new words and we are excited to see the children's outfits in our annual parade at 8:45am on the school playground which families are welcome to join us for. There will be prizes given out later in the day for the most inventive costumes. Previous winners have included: curious, prickly, floral and polluted!

### **Year 6 Residential**

When we return on Monday the children in Year 6 will be leaving for their residential trip to Wales. They should be gone by the time we open our doors to start the day for the rest of the children. Please be mindful of where you park as we need to have the space for the coach to back in and later leave from the staff car park exit area.



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## **Year 5**

As the Year 6 children are away, the Year 5 children have a special week in store for them when they return after half term. Aside from our core curriculum, the children will embark on a Design and Technology project which they always seem to enjoy. We have also planned a trip to Hill End Outdoor Centre for them as well!

### **A Quick Reminder**

If your children will be wanting school lunches (booked on School Grid) or you need them to attend WASP (to be booked on Parentpay) please make sure these are booked by the Sunday evening, 18<sup>th</sup> February, before we start back. Thank you.

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Who</b>
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>	Author to visit	KS2
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 Heidi (Silver Birch), Sienna and Scarlett(Sycamore), Bertie (Willow) and Frankie (Oak). 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.



## **Message from the PTA**

### ***The Wychwood Leaf - anniversary issue!***

*Inside this issue: The full scoop on Young Voices, 10 Pancake Day facts you never knew you needed to know, 'Get to know' with Anna Logue and an exclusive Vivaansie discount, 'Teacher's Pets' - a brilliant furry-themed competition, and the latest events and inside info from school! It's been a pleasure to put together our first birthday issue - we hope you enjoy reading!*

### ***Bake for Books - Maple Class - and Preloved Costume Sale - 23rd February***

*A gentle reminder that the first Friday after half term is the Bake for Books cake sale for Maple Class! If your child is in Maple, cakes can be brought to the office both before and on the day. They can either be shop bought or homemade, please list the ingredients in case of allergies and no nuts please! We're also planning our first preloved costume sale to run alongside it, to help raise money for the Eco Council and would love donations of any fancy dress items that no longer fit or are no longer needed! Donations can be brought to the office after half term.*

*Please bring change on Friday 23rd February to support both events (suggested donation 50p per cake/item). Thank you!*

### ***World Book Day - Coffee and pastries - 7th March***

*We'll be selling tea, coffee and hopefully some breakfast pastries after drop off in the playground on World Book Day, before the procession gets underway. So if you need a coffee/breakfast fix, come and find us! We won't have a card machine for this event, so please bring cash!*

*Thank you very much everyone - have a great weekend!*

*The PTA Team*

Have a lovely half term!

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