

THE ACORN NEWSLETTER

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Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

Dear Parents and Carers

Parent/Carer Lunches

We really enjoyed welcoming our first class of parents and carers in for lunch with their child in the Blackbirds class this week. It was lovely to see so many adults having lunch with their child. Thank you for joining us and we hope that you enjoyed sampling the food!

A reminder that some of these dates have changed – the revised list is below:

Tuesday 31st January – Eagles Wednesday 8th February - Owls Wednesday 22nd February – Swallows Tuesday 28th February – Swifts Wednesday 8th March – Songthrushes Tuesday 14th March – Skylarks

Wednesday 22nd March – Wrens Wednesday 29th March - Robins Wednesday 19th April – Wagtails Wednesday 26th April – Goldfinches Wednesday 3rd May – Kingfishers Wednesday 10th May - Greenfinches















Industrial Action

As you will have seen from letter dated January, the school will be closed to most pupils on Wednesday 1st February due to the majority of our teachers supporting the industrial action. Please see the letter for full details. Further information will be sent out prior to the closure about suggested activities to do at home on this day.

Mental Health Awareness

To support mental health awareness week, we have booked two days of workshops so that every class will benefit from a mindfulness session on either Monday 30th January or Tuesday 31st January. Through games and exercise, the children will learn simple techniques to help them take control of their mental wellbeing. School will be covering the cost of these workshops.

During Children's Mental Health Week, we will also be considering Internet Safety on Tuesday 7th February.





Well done **Jennie** to Mathews and her wonderful team, who recently had an unexpected food hygiene inspection, and maintained the top rating of 5. The Inspector was very impressed with the standard of cleanliness in the kitchen.

School Vision

With the help of staff, governors, pupils and the community, we have now chosen a new bible verse and six core values.

Bible Verse: 'Rooted and grounded in love' (Ephesians 3:17) Core Values: Belonging, Courage, Curiosity, Kindness, Perseverance, Respect

We are now revising our vision, from the following suggestions that have come from staff and pupils:

- 1. Massive minds, huge hearts, guided by God (current vision)
 - 2. Curious minds, kind hearts, guided by love
 - 3. Growing minds, kind hearts, rooted in love

We would welcome your thoughts on these options.





















Sports Roundup

This week, two teams of Year 6 pupils competed in a Basketball Tournament at Sir John Leman High School, and a group of Year 3 pupils enjoyed taking part in a Skittleball Tournament at Benjamin Britten High School in Lowestoft.

The children all competed in teams against other schools and they demonstrated good team work and excellent behaviour. Well done to all the pupils for being such good role models for our school.



Year 3 Skittleball



Year 6 Basketball







To find out more about how girls can join a local Rainbow, Brownie or Guide unit please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk or email GirlguidingBecclesDC@gmail.com
To find out more about joining a local Scouting group please visit www.Scouts.org.uk

Both organisations are looking to recruit new adult volunteers – no previous experience required and fully supported training will be given. Please get in touch if you can offer some time to work with young people in and around our town.

Online Safety Workshops

Thank you very much to the parents and carers from the Swifts Class who have attended the online safety workshop with their child. We hope that you found it useful and enjoyable to work in the classroom alongside your child.

Today, we are welcoming parents and carers from the Owls Class for a similar session. Over the year, we hope to provide this opportunity for other classes. Special thanks to Mrs Bickers for arranging these sessions.



Diary Dates

Friday 27th Jan – Friends of School Meeting – 1.30pm/Cake Sale 3.15pm
Monday 13th Feb – Half Term Week

Friday 24th Feb – Friends of School Meeting – 1.30pm/Cake Sale 3.15pm
Tuesday 21st March – Parents Evening – times to follow
Thursday 23rd March – Parents Evening – times to follow

Friday 24th March – Friends of School Meeting – 1.30pm/Cake Sale 3.15pm
Friday 31st March – Last Day of Spring Term
Monday 17th April – First Day of Summer Term

Monday 8th May – Extra Bank Holiday due to the King's Coronation
Friday 26th May – School Closed to Pupils
Monday 29th May – Half Term Week
Thursday 20th July – Last Day of Summer Term