



Robert Piggott CE Federation Newsletter

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Dear Parents

This half term is exceptionally exciting for the children and busy for the whole school community.

Since our last Newsletter, just two weeks ago, we have had academic reviews, time to reflect at our Remembrance Services, trips, sports fixtures, class collective worship and cake sales! Coverage of some of these events is detailed in the newsletter.

Upcoming dates have been included in the newsletter and some of these may have varied since the last newsletter.

After all this hard work and learning, I wish you a restful weekend and look forward to seeing you next week.

Kind regards

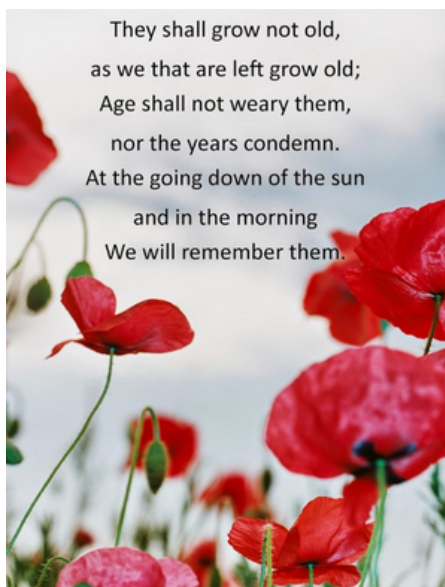
Vanessa O'Byrne

Executive Headteacher



Remembrance

Opportunities to gather together for reflection and worship are crucial for every one of us but they are the life blood of a church school. Both schools held services to commemorate the men and women who gave their lives for their country. We recognised too that war still rages in parts of the world today and directly affects some of our own school families. Children read poems, led their school community in prayers and displayed the poppy artwork which had been completed in both schools.



They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.



This week, some of our School Councillors were fortunate enough to attend a Climate Action Group at Henley College.

They participated in a variety of presentations, workshops and lots of discussion about ways in which we can work together to make our school environment and local community a greener, eco-friendlier place.



Year 5/6 Girls' Netball

On Wednesday 8th November 2023 Mr Hawtin took supervised some of our year 5/6 girls in a netball tournament at Luckley House School. The team played 4 games of which they won 1, drew 2 and conceded in 1. Everyone had a lovely time participating and were excellent ambassadors of our schools.

Attendance

Infant School 96.7%

Junior School 96.3%

Attendance expectation 96%

The attendance for both schools has been improving and with your help and support we could reach the 96% mark by the end of term.

Should your child drop below 90% you will be notified by the School leadership team.

Children in Need

We will be participating in Children in Need on Friday 17th November. This year's theme is 'Spotacular'.

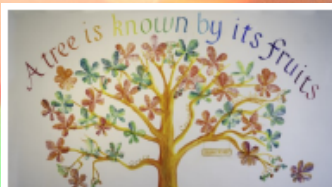
Children are welcome to wear their own clothes covered in spots or they may wish to decorate their uniforms. They may even like to wear face paint – the spottier the better!

We would also like to ask for a suggested contribution of £1. This can be donated via the JustGiving link [here](#).

Thank you so much for supporting such an incredible cause. We cannot wait to see the children's efforts!

KEY DATES

Wednesday 15 th November	Phase 1 Portals to the Past Workshop
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need Fundraising
Friday 24 th November 8.30am	Infant School Individual & sibling photographs
Friday 1 st December	Infant Craft morning & tree decorating assembly
Friday 1 st December 2.30pm	Willow Collective Worship (Willow parents welcome)
Friday 1 st December 3.10pm	Oak PTA/Class cake sale on playground
Friday 1 st December 3.15pm	Owl PTA/Class cake sale on playground
Saturday 2 nd December 1-4pm	PTA Christmas Fayre at Junior School
Monday 4 th December 2.30pm	Infant Salvation Army Gift Assembly
Tuesday 5 th December Time TBC	Year 5/6 Carol Service at St Mary's Church
Wednesday 6 th December 1.30pm	Infants Christingle Service at St Mary's Church
Wednesday 6 th December 6.00pm	Phase 1 Nativity at Junior School
Friday 8 th December afternoon	Reindeer Dash in support of Thames Hospice
Monday 11 th December	Juniors Inter-House Carol Competition
Monday 11 th December 2.00pm	Infant Nativity
Tuesday 12 th December morning	Infants to Norden Farm production Miki
Wednesday 13 th December 9.30am	Infant Nativity
Wednesday 13 th December	Juniors to Windsor Theatre Royal production Aladdin
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 th December	End of term Juniors 1.30pm Infants 1.40pm



ROBERT PIGGOTT CE FEDERATION

From Early Years to 11 years old

PROSPECTIVE

PARENT TOURS

Rated Good by Ofsted

Come along to our tours on Wednesdays 9.30-10.30am

20th & 27th September, 18th October, 8th & 22nd November,
6th December and 10th January

Book your parent tour place today

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admin@robertpiggott.wokingham.sch.uk

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Get help with the cost of living

The Household Support Fund can help you pay for food, energy, bills and other essentials. It's open to:

- Families where children receive means-tested free school meals can get £20 per week during the school holidays until Easter 2024
- Anyone struggling to pay bills or buy food can apply for £240 or £120 depending on the size of their household

If you've already applied for the Household Support Fund you do not need to apply again.

Other cost of living help options

There's a range of help and support options you can use to help you this winter:

- Check the cost of living help hub, including our guides
 - o Help for people with children
 - o Help for single people
 - o Help for pensioners
 - o Help if you're in an emergency
- SHARE Wokingham offers fresh produce, like bread and vegetables, for those who need it. These are surplus stock from local supermarkets. More than 2,000 people use it each week and it has saved more than 1,000 tonnes in food waste since it was launched a few years ago. View the food map to see SHARE's 15 locations and find your nearest.
- Follow these top tips for households on how to lower your energy bills this winter. Or you can try:
 - o The council's new home energy advice service to see how to lower your bills
 - o See if you're eligible Great British Insulation Scheme is offering free or cheaper insulation to reduce your home's energy bills
 - o Check if your home is eligible for a Heat Pump Grant a part of the Boiler Upgrade Scheme – up to £7,500 on offer towards the costs
- We're encouraging people to register with power, water and gas suppliers if they are potentially vulnerable this winter. These are known as priority services, which mean you get help faster if you are cut off or additional warnings if there are outages like loss of water pressure or power cuts
- The Winter Warmers scheme can help you get free items, if you're struggling with the cost of living. This includes things like air fryers, slow cookers, heated airers and more. These will lower your energy usage and bills
- Contact Citizens Advice, Wokingham, to find the most appropriate support for your situation. Use the online referral form or call 0808 278 7958, Monday to Friday.

♥ LOVE YOUR LUNCH

WHY SIGN UP FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES?

Save the hassle of making packed lunches. ✓

Know that your child will receive a **hot, tasty and nutritious** meal, cooked fresh daily. ✓

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ROBERT PIGGOTT SCHOOL(S) BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



Academic Year 2023-2024

Get Active Sports are a leading provider for Childcare and Sports Education. You don't have to require childcare to send your child for an abundance of fun at Get Active Clubs! Come and Join us to learn new skills, make friends and take part in a wide range of activities this term!

WHAT TO EXPECT

Arts And Crafts	Talent Shows
Football	Mad Science
Dodgeball	Cookie Decoration
Athletics	Disco Party
Ping Pong	Board Games
Foot Golf	Mini Olympics
Team Games	Free Play
Tag Rugby	Music

TIMES & PRICES

Breakfast Club:

Breakfast: 7:30am - 8:45am
£7.00 includes breakfast

After School Club:

Medium: 4:15pm - 6pm
£8.50 per day includes a large snack

Large: 3:15pm - 6:00pm
£12.95 includes a small and large snack

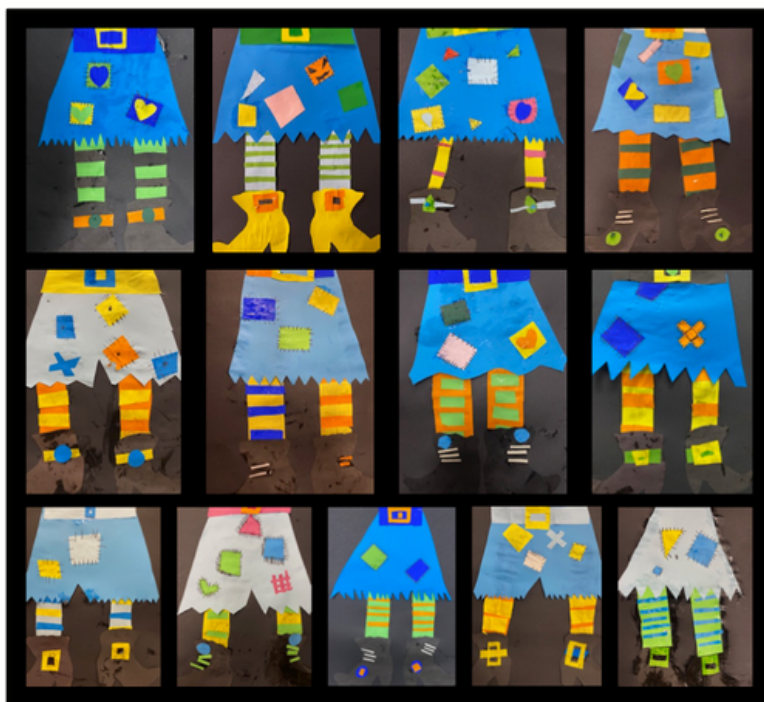
WACKY WEDNESDAYS

Join us on Wednesday for our special events! These can include Milkshake making, cupcake icing, and much more! Make sure you sign up to hear about our weekly events!

HOW TO BOOK

Simply head over to our website www.getactivesports.com and select your Childs school. Find this under parents tab. Select the activity you require and then click 'Book now'. To book over the phone call one of our Office team on 01344 860868

ART CLUB



Miki

Based on the book by Stephen Mackey



Miki Art Competition

Enter our art competition for the chance to win a Miki goody bag containing 4 tickets to a family show in 2024 and some art goodies! One winner will be selected from each age group.

Plus the overall winner will be invited to turn on the Christmas Lights on Saturday 25 November 2023 at the Town Hall in Maidenhead!

Create your own artwork images inspired by Miki and where she lives:

Under the Sea

Draw, paint or create a scene from under the sea, where the creatures are on an adventure like Miki.

Wintery World

Or, draw, paint or create one or more of the characters from the book in their own cold and wintery world.

All entries (except 3D) must be submitted on the entry form – available to download on the Miki webpage.

The deadline for entries is **11am on Friday 17 November**. Winners will be contacted by Monday 20 November.

Entries will be displayed at our Miki Exhibition in the Norden Farm Gallery from **Saturday 2 - Saturday 30 December**.

For more details please contact boxoffice@nordenfarm.org

How to Enter

There are competitions for two age groups: 3 - 5 years and 6 - 8 years.

On the back of your entry please ensure you have written:

School / nursery name
Child's name
Child's age
Parent / Guardian name
Contact phone number
Contact email address

Please drop off your entries to our Box Office or send to:

Norden Farm Centre for the Arts
Altwood Road
Maidenhead
SL6 4PF



Norden Farm

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JOHN JOHNNY BREAKDANCE ACADEMY

Breakdance Club 2024

Infants Thursday
3.15-4.15pm

Juniors Thursday
7.45-8.30am

10 week courses commencing 8th January 2024.

All classes £8.00

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