

Headteacher: Mrs L Slocombe

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We certainly have experienced the full range of weather conditions over the last week or so – I could see lovely blue sky out of the window yesterday, which is certainly a contrast to the weather we had last week. Hopefully we can enjoy some pleasant, warm days as we head towards Easter

Bad weather closures



Thank you for your support with the closure due to the weather on Thursday and Friday last week. It is a difficult decision to close a school and I know that it was an inconvenience to you to bring your children into school on the Thursday morning, only to have to take them home again a few hours later. I'm sorry that some of you were frustrated by my decision to open and then close later on. Almost all of the primary schools across the Earley cluster made the same decision to close at lunchtime and I certainly didn't expect the weather to be quite so dreadful for quite so long on the Thursday. Hopefully, that is the last of the winter weather for this spring!

Ofsted Inspection



The Ofsted report from our recent inspection will be sent out to you later today, along with an accompanying letter from myself and Dr. Charlton-Perez, the Chair of Governors. It will also be made available on the school website and a paper copy can be made available to you from the school office. As you would expect, the inspector was able to see how fantastic our pupils are – she described them as “very polite, friendly and helpful to each other, to staff and to visitors”. Mrs Giles, Dr. Charlton-Perez and myself will be available to discuss the inspection as part of the Parent Forum on Thursday 22nd March at 7pm if you would like to ask any questions.

World Book Day



Despite the weather, pupils brought in some amazing World Book Day decorated items which we were able to hear about on Monday. Pupils had been very inventive, decorating wooden spoons to be fire-dragons, stones to be Harry Potter and Teddy Bears to be Paddington Bear. There was also a fantastic Treasure Island, Gruffalo handbag, Wardrobe from The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe, as well as a Skullduggery character made out of a book. Thank you to everyone who took part and well done to our winners, who were announced in Monday's assembly and received a certificate. We are hoping to put some photographs of the winning creations on the website.

Jack and the Beanstalk



Next week, Years 3 and 4 will be performing their production 'Jack and the Beanstalk' to pupils and parents over Tuesday and Wednesday. I am really excited as I have heard bits and pieces from my office and I have to say, the singing sounds brilliant! I was disturbed to see a group of Year 4 children flapping their arms and clucking in the Year 4 area, but the Year 4 team and children assured me this is also part of the production! I know it will be a success and am looking forward to seeing their hard work come to life. I hope to see some of you there.

Choir performing at The Hexagon



Good luck to the choir who will be performing 'The Hand of Friendship' at the Hexagon on Sunday as part of the Wokingham Massed Children's Choir Concert. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend, but I know they will do brilliantly. They will be performing a song from the concert to the rest of the school on Monday and I look forward to hearing them then. Thank you to all the parents and staff who have helped to organise and transport the children to rehearsals and the concert, especially Mrs Ghosh!

House Multi-skills Competition



Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 took part in a House Multi-skills competition just before half term. The pupils enjoyed a number of different activities and were brilliantly supported by the House Captains and Sports Captains. A very big thank you to Mrs Sutton, who came in on one of her days off to organise and administer the event. The overall results were as follows:

4th place: **WEIR**

3rd place: **SIMMONDS**

2nd place: **FARAH**

1st place: **ENNIS**

Well done to all the children for taking part and showing some of our school values of Respect, Ambition, Determination, Self-belief and Teamwork. Key Stage 2 pupils will take part in a House Netball competition, which will take place next Friday.

Chess Club Challenge



This term at chess club the children have been taking part in the first round of the UK Chess Challenge, a national competition entered by approximately 40,000 children from schools throughout the UK. The qualifying tournament took place over 7 weeks and the highest scoring children in each age group have qualified for a place in the next stage of the tournament (the Megafinal), where they will compete against other children from all over Berkshire for a chance to take part in the third stage of the competition. The children who have qualified for the Berkshire Megafinal this year are Aarush, Aditya, Maria, Ben, Pranesh, Sahasra, Qasim and Parvathi. Aarush was the overall winner with an almost perfect score of 20/21 and he was awarded the Chess Challenge Club Trophy. Aditya finished in second place on 18 points. Well done to everyone in the chess club for taking part and a big thank you to Mrs Starley for running the club.

Year 1 Teamgym competition



Our Year 1 Teamgym squad had great fun taking part in the School Games Teamgym Competition at Reddam School on Tuesday, 20 February. Against strong local mainly Year 2 competition, both of our teams performed well with their team vault, team tumble and team jump. Well done to everyone who took part and a big thank you to all our parents who helped with transport and enjoyed their children's performance. As always, a very big thank you to Mrs Sutton for organising our participation in the event.

Year 5/6 Girls 5-side Goals Tournament



Freezing temperatures and snow flurries joined us at the School Games Girls 5 aside tournament at Goals last week. Our Radstock squad played very well in their group with the following success: won against South Lake 2-1, won against Winnersh 3-0, won against Hillside 1-0, and just lost against Robert Piggott 2-1 in a tightly fought battle. Overall, finishing joint first in our pool, we went through to the semis losing to Willow Bank 2-0. This left us playing in the 3rd/4th playoff which we took against Finchampstead 1-0. Congratulations to our squad who demonstrated our Radstock values in spades! A big thank you to Mrs Sutton, Mrs Padbury and Kirsty who accompanied the team on a very cold day and to all the parents who helped with transport.

Parent Forum



Don't forget that I will be holding another Parent Forum on **Thursday 22nd March at 7pm** where we will be discussing the Ofsted inspection. If you have any comments regarding these areas, please speak to one of the members of the parent forum: Mr Brine (Y5 parent); Ms Jadav (Y5 and F1 parent); Ms Avadhanula (Y1 parent); Mr Hill (Y4 and Y1 parent); Ms Didcock (Y6 parent), Mrs Dinsdale (Y4 and Y6 parent) and Ms Nobels (Y3 and Y5 parent).

Attendance



Geraldine, our school Giraffe, is awarded to the class with the highest attendance each week. We aim for **100%** attendance; there is a clear link between strong attendance, high achievement and helping a child's well-being. Here at Radstock, we want all of our pupils to achieve their full potential, which means they need to be in school! Well done to the following classes, who achieved 100% attendance or close to it:

Date	Class	Attendance
9.2.18	3BH 2AM	100%
23.2.18	2HD 5PT	99.7%
2.3.18	1PS	99.6%

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Lou Slocombe
Headteacher

Diary Dates 2017 – 2018

Week	Day	Date	Event	Time	Location
SPRING TERM					
10	Tuesday	13.03.18	Y3/4 Production	6.30pm	Hall
	Wednesday	14.03.18	Y3/4 Production	6.30pm	Hall
	Friday	16.03.18	House KS2 Netball		Hall
11	Wednesday	21.03.18	Y4 to Kingswood		
	Thursday	22.03.18	Y4 in Kingswood		
	Friday	23.03.18	Sports Relief – being celebrated on Monday! Y4 return from Kingswood		
12	Monday	26.03.18	Sports Relief – children can wear sports kit/red sporty clothes Run a mile		
	Thursday	29.03.18	Last day of term		
SUMMER TERM					
1	Monday	16.04.18	Children return to school		