



Dear Parents and Carers,



I was certainly glad to finally see some spring-like weather at the beginning of this week – after the snow, it was great to see those poor old daffodils enjoying some sunshine and warmer weather. Although it is currently miserable, I am optimistic that warm weather is on its way and I'm sure you'll join me in hoping that it continues over the Easter holidays so we can all enjoy some time outside!

### Staffing News

Goodbye & good luck



This week, we have said goodbye to two members of staff. Miss Smith, one of our Year 4 teachers, has decided to move up north and finished on Monday. Mrs Giles and Mr Griffin will be teaching 4JS in the Summer term. Mrs Quinn, our Inclusion Leader, is also departing us to join a primary school in Woodley as their Inclusion Leader. Mrs Gillam, an Inclusion Leader on secondment from Whiteknights, will be joining us for one day a week next term, with Mrs Quinn returning for half a day a week for the first half of the Summer term. I am sure you will join us in thanking them both for all their hard work and wish them all the best for the future.

### Thank you!



I want to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to everyone on the staff team for all their hard work, resilience and determination that they have shown over the past term. They all work well above and beyond to deliver the National Curriculum in an interesting way, developing your children's knowledge and skills. They were disappointed with the most recent Ofsted Inspection, but are working tirelessly by developing, improving and refining their practice to ensure that we receive a more positive report when Ofsted return in the Summer term.

### Top Dojo Winners



The pupil in each class with the highest Dojo points this term has been awarded in assembly with a certificate for their excellent behaviour. Those pupils will be able to wear **non-uniform** on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April** as a reward and have taken home a letter today to help you remember. Well done to: Thomas P, Joshua N, Aalim, Charlotte, Corrado, Darcy, Eugenie, Bhavik, Abhiram, Joseph, Imogen, James T, Joshua H, Alpay, Connie, Chloe, Gioia, Riley, Nate and Jack.

### Site Security



We have had a number of incidents recently where pupils from school have been on the school playground, unaccompanied, from very early on in the day. In addition, there have been reports of unsupervised children playing on the site after the school day, including climbing trees, with a parent being injured by an impromptu football match whilst they were collecting their children from the Nursery. As a consequence, I am asking Mr Blethyn to tighten up on the times we open and close the majority of our school gates to ensure children are not on the site unsupervised and that the school site is not used as a playground after school.

The gate by the community centre and the car park will be unlocked at **8.25am** and the gate by the Year 5 classrooms will be unlocked at **8.30am**. Pupils **are not expected** to be on the playground any earlier than 8.25am – the front gate will be open from 7am, but only to let staff in, as well as parents and pupils attending Breakfast club. Parents with meetings arranged for before school will also be able to enter the site via this gate. All gates will be shut at **9am**. At the end of the school day, the gate by Year 5 will be shut at **3.45pm** and the gate by the community centre and the car park will be shut at **4pm**. Again, the front gate will be open until **6pm** to allow parents to collect from the Get Active After School Club or any of the school's after-school clubs, but it is expected that the site is cleared of parents and pupils by **4pm**.

I know that the evenings will be getting warmer and lighter, but I would ask that, for the safety of our pupils and parents, you ensure that you leave the site promptly after collecting your children. The field, climbing frames and table tennis tables are not to be used unless expressly permitted by a member of staff.

### Year 4 Visit to Kingswood



Almost all of the Year 4 children took part in their recent residential trip to the Kingswood centre on the Isle of Wight and all who went had a great time! The children got to take part in a variety of activities, spending time on the beach and driving karts around. Thank you very much to all of the staff who joined them on the visit – they gave up their spare time to accompany the children and it was very much appreciated by the children and parents.

### House Netball Competition



Conditions were unusually spring-like as the first centre pass was taken by Year 4 to signal the start of the Spring House Netball tournament earlier on in the half term. A lot of fun was had by all, in the sunshine, with the Radstock values and Secrets of Success being displayed throughout. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Jo Anderson and Miss Natalie Hill for helping to umpire our tournament. The results are below: Congratulations to Simmonds House who have won the House Netball Trophy for the first time!

ENNIS: 3<sup>rd</sup> place

FARAH: Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> place

WEIR: Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> place

SIMMONDS: 1<sup>st</sup> place

### House Music Concert



Staff and pupils from across the school were recently treated to a concert, using their musical skills in our House Music Concert. The pupils displayed an impressive array of talents, including singing, piano, flute, and cello playing. The competition was judged by special guests Mr Watts and Ms Laney from Berkshire Maestros. Well done to all the pupils who performed skilfully and a big thank you to Mrs Ghosh for organising the event. The House results for the lower school were:

SIMMONDS/WEIR: Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> place

ENNIS: 2<sup>nd</sup> place

FARAH: 1<sup>st</sup> place

The results for the Upper school were:

ENNIS: 4<sup>th</sup> place

WEIR: 3<sup>rd</sup> place

FARAH/SIMMONDS: Joint 1<sup>st</sup> place

Overall winners will be announced at the beginning of the new term, as well as be presented with a new House Music trophy!

### Parent Forum



We recently held our third Parent Forum, discussing the outcome of our recent Ofsted Inspection and our plans to improve in the two areas identified by Ofsted by needing further development. Mrs Giles, Mr Charlton-Perez (Chair of Governors) and I found it very useful to talk to the

parents who attended, explaining some of the actions we have taken and how we are going about making improvements. Minutes of the meeting and the accompanying presentation have been sent out separately to this newsletter and will be available on the website. Thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to help us further improve the school, either in person or through correspondence with myself or the parent representatives. I am hoping to hold the next Parent Forum after the Section 5 Ofsted Inspection we are expecting later on in the Summer term, but will publish the date as soon as possible.

### 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:

| Date    | Class             | Attendance |
|---------|-------------------|------------|
| 9.3.18  | 3BH<br>4DB<br>5LH | 100%       |
| 16.3.18 | 3BH               | 100%       |
| 23.3.18 | 1PS<br>4DB        | 100%       |

Well done to **6MH** who have the highest attendance this term!

**Don't forget:** Term starts for pupils on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018!

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break,

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lou Slocombe', written in a cursive style.

**Lou Slocombe**  
Headteacher

**Diary Dates 2017 – 2018**

| <b>SUMMER TERM</b> |           |                           |   |               |              |
|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------|---|---------------|--------------|
| 1                  | Monday    | 16.04.18                  | Children return to school                                   |               |              |
|                    | Wednesday | 18.04.18                  | FOR Meeting   | 7pm           |              |
|                    | Friday    | 27.04.18                  | FOR Snowflake Talk  | 6pm           |              |
|                    | Tuesday   | 01.05.18                  | KS1 SATS Month  |               |              |
| 4                  | Monday    | 07.05.18                  | BANK HOLIDAY  |               |              |
|                    | Friday    | 11.05.18                  | FOR KS1/LKS2 Disco  |               |              |
| 5                  | Monday    | 14.05.18                  | KS2 SATS Breakfast week<br>KS2 SATS week                    |               |              |
|                    | Friday    | 18.05.18                  | House Football Tournament                                   |               |              |
| 6                  | Monday    | 21.05.18                  | KS1 SATS week<br>NSPCC Assemblies – FS/KS1 and<br>KS2       |               |              |
|                    | Thursday  | 24.05.18                  | NSPCC Workshops – Y5 and Y6                                 |               |              |
| HT                 | Mon – Fri | 28.05.18<br>–<br>01.06.18 | HALF TERM!  |               |              |
| 7                  | Monday    | 04.06.18                  | INSET DAY   |               |              |
| 8                  | Monday    | 11.06.18                  | Phonics Screening Check week                                |               |              |
|                    | Friday    | 15.06.18                  | Y6 visit to Legoland  |               |              |
| 9                  | Thursday  | 21.06.18                  | Music Concert to parents<br>F2 New Starters Parents Evening | Pm            |              |
|                    | Friday    | 22.06.18                  | Y5 visit to Kew Gardens                                     |               |              |
| 10                 | Wednesday | 27.06.18                  | Wokingham Y6 Secondary<br>Schools Transition Day            |               |              |
|                    | Thursday  | 28.06.18                  | District Sports Day   |               |              |
| 11                 | Wednesday | 04.07.18                  | Y6 French Café  | Am            | Hall         |
|                    | Thursday  | 05.07.18                  | Y6 French Café<br>FS and KS1 Sports Days                    | Am<br>Pm      | Hall         |
|                    | Friday    | 06.07.18                  | KS2 Sports Days   | Am            | Hall         |
| 12                 | Monday    | 09.07.18                  | Transition 1: New F1/F2 to visit                            | Am            |              |
|                    | Thursday  | 12.07.18                  | Y3 visit to Chedworth                                       |               |              |
| 13                 | Monday    | 16.07.18                  | Transition 2: F1, F2 and Y1                                 |               |              |
|                    | Wednesday | 18.07.18                  | UKS2 Performance to parents                                 | 7pm           | Hall         |
|                    | Thursday  | 19.07.18                  | UKS2 Performance to parents                                 | 7pm           | Hall         |
| 14                 | Monday    | 23.07.18                  | Transition 3: All   |               | Hall         |
|                    | Tuesday   | 24.07.18                  | Last Day<br>Y6 Leavers Assembly                             | 9am<br>2.30pm | Hall<br>Hall |