

News this week...

IMPORTANT CALENDAR UPDATES!

Last week, we shared some key dates information for the rest of this term.

We can now add that **Friday 1st December will be a non-uniform day** to support our FROGS Christmas Fair.

We will be asking for donations of items from each year group that we can use for prizes and stalls at the fair. We will send out further details next week.

At the start of next term, we will be having an inset day on **Tuesday 2nd January 2024**, which means the children will return to school on Wednesday 3rd January. You can find all our term dates on the website here: [Term Dates and School Timings](#)



Christmas Performances

Reception and Year 1&2 children will be sharing their traditional Christmas performances with families at the end of this term. Seats will need to be booked for each performance and we will be sending home letters very soon containing all the details.

Carol Concert Survey

If you haven't already done so, there is still time to complete our parent survey to give your thoughts about our annual church visit for the Carol Service. The survey will close on Sunday 19th November and can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/e/YR5fs728DV>

Reception Food Bank Donation

We received a 'Certificate of Appreciation' from the local food bank this week for donations received from the Reception Harvest Performance at the end of last half term. In total we donated 57kg of food to this very important charity – thank you for your generous donations.



School Uniform

Please can we ask that you make sure your child comes to school wearing the correct school uniform every day, including shoes. Children who are not in the proper uniform stand out and this can make them feel uncomfortable. Please help to avoid this by sending them to school in the correct uniform.

Thank you for your continued support.

Richard Ferris
Headteacher



Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

- 1st Place – Tigers (97.7%)
- 2nd Place – Eagles (97.4%)
- 3rd Place – Lions (95.2%)



School Timings



- Our school start time is **8:45am** and we have a 5-minute rolling start with classroom doors opening at 8:40am. Gates will open from 8:35am. Please ensure children arrive on time to enter the classrooms **before** 8:45am.
- At the end of the school day, the gates open at 3.10pm and children are dismissed at 3:15pm.



School Lunches and Breaktime Snacks

- Please remember that children cannot order their lunches in school, and they must be pre-ordered online at home by you in advance via your SCOPay account - (<https://scopay.com/login.html>). If you need the login details for your account, please get in touch with the school office.
- We provide fruit for all pupils in Reception and Year 1&2, you may of course provide your own fruit for your child, should you wish. Please remember that fruit is not provided to pupils in Years 3-6 and your child is welcome to bring in a healthy snack for break time – this is expected to be fruit or a healthy alternative.
- Please remember we are a nut-free school.



Applications for a School Place for September 2023

If your child is due to start school in Reception class in September 2024, it is now time to make your application for their school place. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2024 and the quickest and easiest way to apply is online via the Bracknell Forest website:

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/applyforprimary

An application must be made for every child – having a place for a child in Nursery does not automatically give your child a place in school.



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OPEN EVENTS

Morning visit - 9.15am

Friday 29 September

Wednesday 18 October

Monday 13 November

Wednesday 10 January

Evening visit - 6.00pm

Tuesday 31 October

Thursday 30 November

Booking is required for this event. Please register using the [online form](#) on our website.



Do you have a child starting Nursery or Primary School in September 2024?

We warmly invite you to attend one of our open events to come and find out what makes us so proud of our school. You will be able to meet school leaders and have a tour through our well-resourced teaching and learning provision.

Our Early Years team will be on hand to answer questions and help you in making this hugely important decision for your child.

Information Board

Online event

What is Kooth?

Kooth is a free, safe, online, anonymous counselling and emotional support service for young people aged 10 - 25 in East Berkshire.



Find out more about Kooth

Join Kooth on this 1 hour information session for parents and carers. The session will cover the following:

- Information about the Kooth service
- How to support young people to register
- Kooth support features
- Live website tour
- Q&A

Online event timings

1pm, Thursday 7th December, 2023, online.

Please email GEMS.4Health@nhs.net to book your space.

Please kindly be punctual for a smooth and timely start. To prevent disturbance to fellow participants, unfortunately, we will not be able to accept latecomers past 1.05pm.