

Welcome back

It was extremely unfortunate that we had to delay the opening of school this week. Our grateful thanks extend to you all for making this work. As you are aware, we had a team in over the break changing our lighting and late Tuesday evening, when the supervisor came in to sign off on the work, it was noted that the plans had been slightly misread meaning that lighting had been fitted in classrooms where it shouldn't have been due to some asbestos ceilings—not harmful as they stand, but not so friendly when disturbed. At 10.00pm we took advice from the Local Authority, our Chair of Governors and later the Critical Incident Team, and it was at this point we had to regrettably close school. As a public building the decision was taken out of our hands and I hope that you appreciate that health and safety had to come in front of inconvenience. Although a contingency plan had been built ready for Thursday, it was a huge relief when the air purity samples came back as safe on Thursday evening. It was certainly far from the start of term that we had all hoped for, but health and safety will always take priority. Please note that had we had any prior warning you would have known earlier. Grateful thanks to the parents that recognised what a challenging situation we were handling and sent supportive messages—at a very difficult time, it meant a lot to receive your emails.

Foundation Stage news Thank you to the parents, carers, grandparents and friends that came to share the Easter Bonnet Parade. Thank you also for making such creative hats.

Tuesday's trip to Woburn Safari Park

Please be reminded that FS children's lunch ordered from Fresh Start, will be a packed lunch option. If you haven't ordered one, please bring a packed lunch in a disposable bag, thank you.

We are about to purchase some brand new sports kits with a school competition jacket to attend sports events. If anyone or a company would like to sponsor the kit and have their name on it, then please get in contact.

Our fingers are firmly crossed.

Although we fully appreciate that parking is limited in the vicinity of school, please do not block driveways or park at The Beehive. They have, on occasion, been unable to take deliveries because the lorry cannot access the site. Thank you for your kind understanding.



Many thanks to the dedicated staff team that arranged and accompanied the trip.

The school has been quieter than normal as the Year 4s spent three nights at Frontier Centre in Irthlingborough. The children were extremely well behaved and keen to attempt every activity.

If you are clearing your garden, or splitting plants, please send them our way. We are keen to enhance our school site, particularly the nature area and pond. In September we will be starting Forest School sessions within the school day. More information to follow.

Two teams from Year 3 will be taking part in a competition at EWS North Campus next week on Thursday 27th April. They have been learning and training hard in PE sessions and we hope they have a great time. All Year 3 have been learning Quicksticks and the children selected represent the whole year group and school.

There have been a couple of cases of slapped cheek syndrome in school this week. Please keep a careful eye out. Like chicken pox, it is contagious in the initial stages before a rash develops. The follow site is a useful source for further information -

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/slapped-cheek-syndrome/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Thank you Laila, Charlie, Adam, Hope, Ben and Harriett for playing a really active part in the Sports Leader training sessions yesterday.

They will be helping to deliver sport and PE activities on the KS1 and KS2 playground along with helping to run sports day for KS1 and KS2.



Governor Vacancy

We are looking for a new governor to join our strong team and would like your help. This is not a parent governor role, but you are the best group to ask because you might know someone in the local community that could bring real strength to our governing body.

In order to compliment our skill set, we are particularly keen to secure a governor with a building and premises back ground.

Please pass this information on to anyone in the community that you feel might have the skills set, time, energy and commitment for this voluntary position.

Our Chair of Governors, Mrs Stephanie Hibberd, will make contact with all applicants. Initial contact should be made through the school office.

Thank you

Sunday 23rd April
Family Knights and
Dragons event
11.00am-2.00pm plus
St. George's Day cake
Deanshanger Library

FREE

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KS2 snacks

A large percentage of children in KS2 recently took up the offer to have snack provided and served from our new SNAG Hut. Could you please remind your child/ren to actually collect their fruit/vegetable please? When the children were reminded earlier today they said that they were too busy having fun on the new slides to collect snack. At least we know the slides are a big hit.