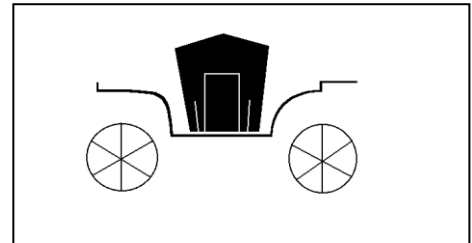


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**Newsletter No. 13**  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Dear Parents and Governors,



Happy New Year and welcome back to school! We are all looking forward to a busy, hardworking and enjoyable 2020!



**Admission Forms**

Please don't forget to complete your Infant School or Yr3 admission forms. The deadline for this is next week - **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020**.



**Census Day – Fish & Chips**

**We would love as many children as possible to choose a school dinner next Thursday 16th January.**

This is because it is Schools' Census Day - some of our school funding is calculated from the total number of meals served on this day. Therefore we have swapped Thursday's menu with Friday's.



**After School Clubs**

Berkshire Maestros, Sewing and Science club are now full; however registration forms for other clubs can be found in Reception.

Day	Club	Time	Dates
Mon	French	3.15 – 4.15pm	13 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar
Mon	Gymnastics	3.30 – 4.30pm	13 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar
Tues	Multi sports	3.30 – 4.30pm	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar
Tues	Sewing club	3.30 – 4.30pm	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar
Weds	Football	3.30 – 4.30pm	15 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar
Thurs	Science club	3.30 – 4.30pm	23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan – 2 <sup>nd</sup> April
Fri	Berkshire Maestros	12.10, 12.30 & 12.50pm	10 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 27 <sup>th</sup> April
Fri	Judo	3.20 – 4.20pm	17 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar



**Winter Weather**

We are now entering the coldest part of the year. If it does become extremely cold, we would make adjustments in school, such as shortening the longer lunchtime play. However, it is important that children have some time outside whenever possible, so do make sure your child is well equipped with labelled hats, gloves, etc as we only keep a few spare coats in school.



**Mad Science Club**

Due to staff training and instructor availability, Mad Science club will commence on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January and run until 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020.

## Social Media Networks, Apps and Games – NSPCC Review

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/?page=3>

As there may well have been electronic devices given as Christmas presents this holiday, do have a think about online safety.

The NSPCC have excellent advice for parents regarding how to keep your children safe online. This part of their website gives a really helpful overview of the potential risks of many of the networks, games and apps children like to enjoy. This includes age ratings, what it's used for, categories and levels of risk. For example, Tik Tok is for ages 13+ and has at least a medium risk in all categories.

We are aware that some of our children are messaging each other online. If you decide to allow this, we would ask parents carefully monitor what their children are using and which platforms they are using to do it. At school age, we don't want children to feel that these spaces are private or secret. They need to know that you will look at what they are saying, so they don't either say unkind things themselves or feel that they can't tell you if others are being unkind to them or asking them to do things they don't want to do. This kind of behaviour could put them at serious risk.

**PLEASE closely monitor what your child uses online.**



### TikTok

TikTok (formerly called Musical.ly) is a social media platform that discover 15 second videos. You can use music and effects to edit and can also browse other people's videos and interact with them.

**13+** Official age rating

Expert view of the risks...

Risk Category	Risk Level
Sexual	Medium Risk
Violence & hatred	Medium Risk
Bullying	Medium Risk
Suicide & self-harm	Medium Risk
Drink, drugs & crime	High Risk

Happy New Year! We hope everyone has had a good first week back.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the PTA meeting on Wednesday.

We reviewed the Christmas Fair and started planning for upcoming events this term.

We also talked about more funding that the school needs, two big ones being:

- Books for the library.
- New toilets to replace the main ones by the hall. Several thousands of pounds are required to be raised!!

We as a PTA need more help from parents to fund these things for YOUR children.

The current committee have been in place for three years now and will be stepping down at the end of the year. This is the perfect time to chat to us, come along and see what we do with a view to taking over. It is vital that the PTA continues to fundraise so that our kids have decent facilities and learning materials... please do chat with any of us to see what this entails and if possible step up and get involved. Thanks!

We have our first CAKE SALE of the year next Friday (17th). BLUE CLASS parents and carers please can you bake/buy cakes/biscuits (no nuts please!) and bring them along next Friday. Other year groups please bring along spending money and boxes/bags to take away the cakes:-)

We will be holding a MOVIE NIGHT on Friday 24 January. The film will be "The Secret Life of Pets 2". All year groups can attend and the event will run from 5.15-6.45pm. More information will be sent out next week in book bags.

**MATCHFUNDING** - We are always on the look out for people who can match fund our events. Please ask your company if this is something you can help us with! We are happy to help with any paperwork that may be required.

The PTA Team

### PTA Party Box

We now have a party box available for hire, £10 to hire (£5 deposit back if returned clean and complete). This is a super way to reduce waste – less plastic is always good!

**Includes:**

- 30 x plates, cups, bowls
- 3 x serving platters

- 2 x jugs

We have already received lots of bookings, so please do get in touch if you would like to hire it.

**Miss Helen Ball**  
Executive Headteacher

**Miss Hazel Snellgrove**  
Head of School

Next week's dates in blue

New or amended dates and arrangements in red

Diary Dates – Spring 2020		
Date	Event	Timing/venue
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Closing date for admissions for 2020/21	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Blue Class Cake Sale	3.00pm - playground
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	PTA Movie Night	5.15pm – 7.00pm school hall
W/C 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Life Bus in School	
w/c Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term	School closed
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	Dress up as your favourite book character!
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening 1	3.30pm – 6.00pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Meeting	More info to follow
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Cake Sale	3.00pm - playground
W/C 16 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Sponsored Event	More info to follow
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening 2	4.30pm – 7.00pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Fairtrade Coffee Morning	9.00am – school hall. Y2 parents invited
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Quiz Night	Joint with Junior School – details to follow
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Blue Class Spring Celebration Assembly	9.10am - school hall – Parents invited
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Church Service	St Mary's Church
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 1 & 2 Spring Celebration Assembly	9.10am & 2.30pm - school hall – Parents invited
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Last day of term	School closes at 1.50pm

**Term Dates 2019-20**

*Please note that holidays in school term time are not authorised*

### **Spring Term 2020**

Inset Day – Mon 6<sup>th</sup> January

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Half term w/c Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February

### **Summer Term 2020**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday – please note this is a national change from the usual Monday due to VE Day commemorations**

Half term w/c Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Inset days – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

### **Term Dates 2010-21**

#### **Autumn Term 2020**

School open to pupils - Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep to Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020

- Inset days - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> & Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept
- Inset day – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> October
- Half term – w/c Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October

#### **Spring Term 2021**

School open to pupils - Tues 5<sup>th</sup> January to Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

- Inset day Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan
- Inset day – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> February
- Half term - w/c Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Summer Term 2021**

School open to pupils - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April to Wed 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

- Half term - w/c Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May