



Happy New Year! It has been fantastic to see the children return to school for their first full week this week and it has been delightful to see them return to school full of excitement for the term ahead and with lovely stories of the things they did over the Christmas break.



On Wednesday this week I was fortunate enough to attend the 'Young Voices' concert at the Resort Arena in Birmingham with our school Choir! This event saw our 14 choir members join with approximately 5800 other children to form one super choir who supported a variety of musicians and performers singing in the concert- they were all amazing and the experience was fantastic. I am always so proud that we do not let the fact that we are a small school stop us offering these big opportunities to our children as we passionately believe that it is so important for our children to experience everything we can possibly offer.

A huge well done to Mrs Griffin who organised the event and trained the choir and also a massive thankyou to FOBs who subsidised the minibus to transport the children to Birmingham.

Mr Gareth Rust  
Head of School

## Early Years Update for Parents

We have been advised by the Local Authority that from April 2024, new funding streams will be introduced to families to help with childcare costs.

- From April 2024 - up to 15 hours funding will be available for eligible working families with a 2 year old
- From September 2024 - up to 15 hours funding will be available for eligible working families with a 9 month old
- From September 2025 - up to 30 hours funding will be available for eligible working families with a 9 month old up to school age

The funding currently available to 2 year olds who are disadvantaged or vulnerable will still be available.

The new funding streams are not Universal funding and not all families will be eligible. Please direct any queries regarding eligibility to Childcare Choices in the first instance to:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

As and when the school receives updates from the Early Years Team we will forward these to parents. The school continues to accept children into the Pre-School from the term after their third birthday.

## Road Safety



Please can we remind all parents/carers to ensure children use the pedestrian crossing rather than trying to cross in the middle of the road to avoid any accidents.

Thank you



OWLS	RABBITS	JAGUARS	PANTHERS	LIONS
Emelie	Charlie	Elaina	Leo	Alex
For her understanding of partitioning number 5 into 4 and 1	For excellent effort in his homework	For creating a fantastic volcano replica and carefully selecting the correct colours	For getting a fantastic score on his Maths Arithmetic test	For his efforts to help organise the classroom and his attitude towards learning has been fabulous

## Diary Dates



Date	Time	Event
<b>January</b>		
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Jaguars Class Anglo Saxon Day
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	AM	Rabbits Class Pizza Making Workshop
<b>February</b>		
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February		Internet Safety Day
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	-	School finishes for Half Term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February		Half Term Week
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Children return to School
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	2.45pm	Rabbits Class Assembly
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	PM	Year 4 Swimming Lessons start

## Year 5/6 Football County Finals

On Tuesday afternoon Year 5 and 6 children participated on a County Finals Competition.

We communicated well and dominated most games but we just couldn't finalise our chances. The first game we lost 2-1 but we hit post and couldn't level it up. The second game we drew 1-1 and we had many chances but their keeper made some good saves. The third game we lost 1-0 in the finals moments of the match when they suddenly broke through our defence and scored. In the playoffs, we drew 0-0, again, we had a chances but couldn't score.

Being at the County Finals was a great pleasure and a lot of fun.

Sports Report by Nathan M.



## FoBS

Happy New Year! FoBS have hit the ground running this year and our first meeting to discuss future events will take place on **Thursday 18th Jan from 7.30pm** at The Red Lion in Bozeat. Come along, meet the team and see what you can do to help continue the great fundraising work we do.

FoBS are always on the look out for the following things: unwanted unused gifts, clean used jars, unwanted bottles (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) for our bottle tombola's and other events. Please get in touch if you have any of the above to arrange drop off/collection.

Thank you  
Terri  
FoBS Co Chair

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