

Dear parents and carers,

Friday 18 March 2022, forthcoming events for the week commencing Monday 21 March 2022			
Monday	21.03.22	8am-9am 3.30pm-6pm	Breakfast club After school club
Tuesday	22.03.22	8am-9am 9am – 10am 10:45am 3.30pm-6pm	Breakfast club Guitar and Ukulele music lessons Brass music lessons After school club
Wednesday	23.03.22	8am-9am 3.30pm-6pm	Breakfast club After school club
Thursday	24.03.22	8am-9am 3.30pm-6pm	Breakfast club After school club
Friday	25.03.22	8am-9am 12.30pm-1.30pm 3.30pm-4.30pm 3.30pm-6pm	Breakfast club Hot Shots lunchtime basketball club After school football club with Brackley Town After school club

Hot Shots Basketball lunchtime club

From next term, Hot Shots will be moving to a Thursday lunchtime instead of Friday. This is because year 5 will begin their swimming lessons on Fridays and would have missed out on the opportunity to take part in Hot Shots. I am pleased that the Hot Shots coaches have been able to switch the days around to accommodate us because it means that none of the children who want to take part in Hot Shots will miss out. Hot Shots will send home booking forms for next term shortly.

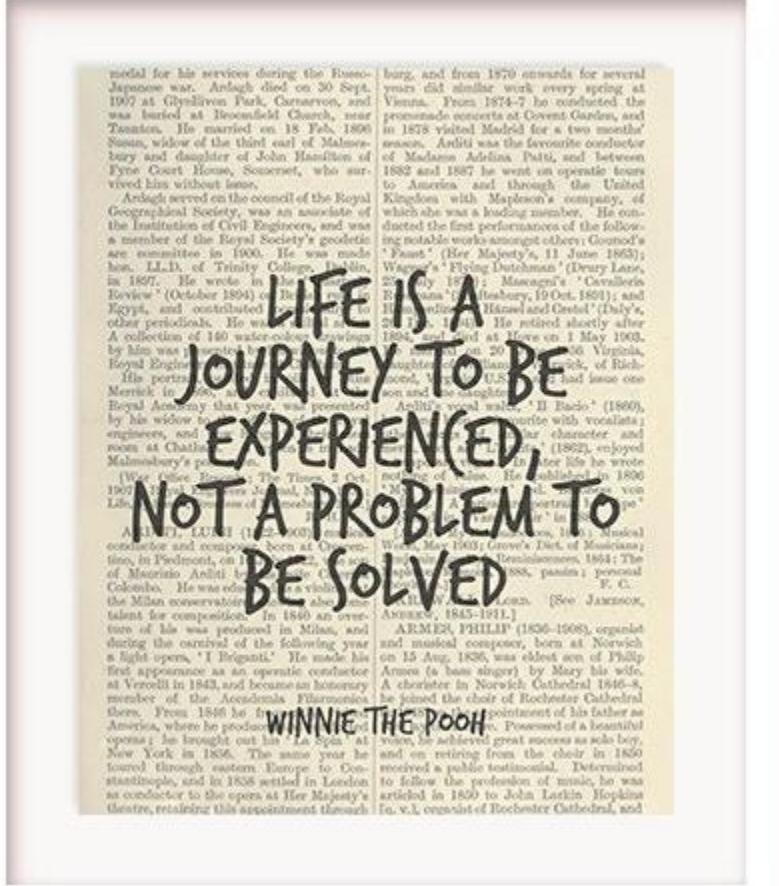
Parent Evenings

Thank you to everyone who attended our parent evenings this week. For the most part they happened without any technical issues. When we made the decision to host the parent evenings virtually this term, COVID-19 cases were still very high. I do recognise that parents have missed the opportunity to come into school and have a look through your children's books to see what kind of work they have been completing but also appreciate that lots of parents prefer virtual parent evenings. With this in mind, I will be sending out a survey to gather your feedback about whether we should continue with virtual parents evening, return to in person parent evenings (COVID permitting of course) or have a 'hybrid' event where you would choose to have a in person meeting or a virtual meeting. Of course, this last option might be much more difficult to organise but that doesn't mean we shouldn't do it if that's what parents prefer. I plan to send that survey out before the Easter break so please keep a look out for it.

COVID-19 cases on the rise again

I met with the Headteachers of the other schools in Brackley this week for the first in person meeting we've been able to have for almost two years. While it was an absolute pleasure seeing them again, the reality is that we probably won't be able to meet in person again anytime soon. This is because we were unanimous that COVID-19 cases are rising again very quickly; every school in the town has been affected to varying degrees and by the sounds of things, we have escaped the major disruption some schools have faced during the last few weeks. This week at Southfield, 3 different members of staff have been isolating and a number of children have also started isolating as a result of COVID-19. This week has proved to me again that there are not enough supply teachers to 'plug to the gap' when staff are isolating. Staffing school this week has been a real challenge and I am grateful to colleagues who have

stepped in to help. I am afraid to say that I don't think that we are over the worst absence yet and predict that things will get worse before they get better.

Upcoming diary dates	Thought for the day...
<p>14 and 15.3.22 – Parents Evening</p> <p>01.04.22 – Term 4 ends</p> <p>18.04.22 – Easter Monday – school closed</p> <p>19.04.22 – Term 5 begins</p>	
FOSS Updates	
No updates this week	
SPS Achievements this week	
<p>Ready Respectful Safe – going above and beyond our high expectations</p> <p>Pre-School – This week Penny has impressed us all with her attention and listening skills. She is one of the youngest children in the whole school and shows a real interest in absolutely everything around her. A fantastic start to her school life.</p> <p>Reception – Toby has stood out this week for always being ready to tackle any learning task, staying very focused until he has completed the job. Also, he is always so polite in remembering his "pleases" and "thanks you". Well done, Toby!</p> <p>Year 1 and 2 – Anna has been working incredibly hard in her Read Write Inc sessions. She is speedily reading her sounds and she is reading sentences confidently. Well done, Anna!</p> <p>Year 3 – Ellie- For great enthusiasm in English, and offering many good ideas for writing persuasively and Niamh- For demonstrating a wonderful attitude towards learning</p> <p>Year 4 – Eddie for being mindful, conscientious and working incredibly hard. Good job, Eddie!</p>	

Year 5 – Olivia M - for approaching every day and lesson with a positive attitude, kindness and commitment

Year 6 – Finlay – for always knowing when to work hard and putting 100% effort into everything he does

Special Head Teacher mention – to the group of year 6 children who been working on persuading me to allow them to have a class pet. The thoughtful way of approaching this project, the ideas that have been shared and the responsibility they have taken has been exemplary. I have been very impressed. I will be making a final decision about this idea next week and will share news of the success or not of year 6's idea in next week's bulletin.

With best wishes,
Matt Green
Head Teacher