

Dear parents and carers,

Friday December 16 <sup>th</sup> 2022, forthcoming events for the week commencing Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2023			
Monday	02.01.23		Christmas holiday
Tuesday	03.01.23		INSET DAY – school closed to children
Wednesday	04.01.23	8am-9am 3.30pm-6pm 4pm-8pm	<b>Children return for term 3</b> Breakfast club After school club Sensei Lee's Karate Club
Thursday	05.01.23	8am-9am 3.30pm-4.30pm 3.30pm-6pm	Breakfast club Young Voices Choir after school After school club
Friday	06.01.23	8am-9am Lunchtime 1.30pm 3.30pm-6pm	Breakfast club Hot Shots lunchtime basketball club Individual string instrument music lessons After school club

## 2022 - A return to normality, of sorts!

After a very disrupted last couple of years, it has certainly felt that life in school is getting back to normal. Back in January we welcomed Ofsted into school for their first in person monitoring inspection since the school was put in 'Special Measures' under my predecessor in September 2019. Following that visit the inspectors removed the 'Special Measures' judgement having recognised the huge amount of progress we had and continue to make; it is safe to say that the removal of 'Special Measures' ranks pretty highly in my career achievements to date. Having said that, the progress the school has made since September 2019 is not down to any one individual, it has been a monumental team effort from every single person associated with the school and I cannot thank them enough for the continued hard work, dedication and commitment to the children of this school and our wider community.

The spring term saw the end of our remote parents' evenings and return of most of our school trips. We saw year 4 head off the Hill End for a couple of nights, year 6 head to Devon for a week and various other year groups take part in theme days, day trips or host visitors. The summer term saw the return of Sport's Day and school discos; which we had missed so much, we said goodbye to a wonderful cohort of year 6 children who continue to thrive at their various secondary schools and welcomed in a brand-new cohort of reception children in September.

During the autumn term, we have welcomed parents back into in person parents' evenings and finally been able to put on our full range of Christmas activities. The pre-school, reception and Key Stage 1 nativity performances were absolutely wonderful and I know they enjoyed their trip to panto in Chipping Norton a couple of weeks ago. Key Stage 2 have had a very busy final week, with a trip to panto in Oxford where we saw Mr Elliot take to the stage to 'marry' the panto villain and then take to the stage themselves to perform their Christmas carol concert for you; always a highlight of my year and following the emails of thanks from you since the concert, I'd say a highlight of yours too!

It's been a wonderful year but we finish it on a sad note as we said goodbye to Mrs Reynolds who retired yesterday after 26 years of utterly amazing service to our school and our community. It has been a privilege to have shared just

a few short years of my career with you, Mrs Reynolds, your legacy will continue to guide all that I do as Headteacher of this school!

**A message from Mrs Reynolds**

A huge thank you for making my final day so memorable. Thank you to FOSS for my 2nd surprise party (keeping secrets from me is an achievement in itself)!

It was amazing to see so many families past and present. Your kind words and generosity mean so much. Thank you for all of your gifts.

Your children are wonderful, caring and respectful. Be proud.

I will miss everyone so very much. This school is a very special community with an incredible team of staff working within it.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 🎄 🎄

We look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

With best wishes,  
Matt Green  
Head Teacher