



## Principal's News

### Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Term 3 and happy 2018! A special welcome back to Mrs Roberts and Mr Connor who have returned from maternity and paternity leave respectively.

We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas. It is great to welcome the children back and they all look rested and ready to push on with their learning. During our last inset day in November the teachers teamed up with colleagues from Dashwood, Banbury Academy and Space Studio Banbury to plan schemes of work for this term using our trust's new engagement model. This prompted the staff to plan some fascinating lessons with real life purpose, which we are sure our pupils will enjoy and be engaged by. Hopefully your child(ren) will tell you about their learning, but we know they are sometimes limited in what they share(!), so we will post plenty of work in this newsletter and on social media. In the coming terms we also hope to invite you in to school to take part in a lesson with your child(ren), watch this space!

### Lunch time



This week Mrs Goulding launched our new playground zones which will promote fun & excitement and social interaction. The zones have been fully resourced and are led by a member of staff. The zones are; Team Zone, Quiet Zone, Physical Zone, Play Zone and Creative Zone, in addition to the Dining Hall and Bluebirds. We will post the presentation that Mrs Goulding gave to the children on

Monday on our website, which provides more information. Later this week work will start on our new trim trail play equipment and playground markings... weather permitting!  
[Playground Zones Presentation](#)



We hope you have a great week.

Kind regards  
**Alex Pearson** Executive Principal



## Dino Day in Early Years!



On Monday morning a meteorite hit the Early Years' garden! They spent the morning investigating what happened to all the dinosaurs and having lots of fun taking part in dino activities. They made their own fossils from salt dough, painted dinosaur portraits, played in the dinosaur role play area and carried out estimation and measuring of a T-Rex footprint.



We are so impressed with all the costumes the children have made at home. They are fantastic!

## Yummy Pizzas!



Swift class had a lovely trip to Pizza Express! We tasted lots of different foods and made our own pizza!

### Please tell us...

If your child is unable to come to school for any reason please notify us by 8.45 am on the day of the absence by written note, email or a telephone call, stating the reason for the absence:

**01295 263067**

Please do not send verbal messages with other children as these cannot be accepted.

### Please name, name, name

Please can we remind you to name everything your child brings to school including their PE kit, ties and outdoor coats. We can quickly reunite your child with their lost property if it has been named.

## Parent Pay

Most of you are using Parent Pay to book dinners, trips and Afterschool Club sessions. We hope you find it convenient, as you can pay any time. We will be using Parent Pay for even more in future, so it is really vital that you have activated your account and use it regularly. If you are unsure or would like help, please let the office staff know.

## Brrr... it's cold outside

Children should be dressed appropriately for the weather. When it is cold, please ensure that your child has a warm, outdoor coat for wearing to and from school and for outside play during the day.



## Do you have any junk?

Are you having a clear out? Do you have any junk that we could use for modelling? As part of our creative zone, we are collecting materials (that are safe for children to use and you don't want returned) such as guttering, pallets, old car seats etc. Please drop off any donations at the school office.



## Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 4 January 2018 - Friday 9**

**February:** Term 1.

**Monday 15 January:** EYU 'All Things Wild' trip to Evesham.

**Thursday 18 January:** Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics Inclusion Festival.

**Wednesday 24 January:** Year 2 Swimming; Year 6 Junior Citizens, Oxford.

**Friday 26 January:** Year 6 Junior Citizens, Oxford.

**Monday 5 February-Friday 9 February:** Science Week.

**Thursday 8 February:** Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics G&T; PTFA Valentine's Disco.

**Friday 9 February:** Chinese New Year Celebration.

**Monday 12 – Friday 16 February:** Holiday.

**Monday 19 February:** INSET day (no children in school).