

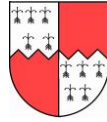
PROPELLER ACADEMY TRUST  
Fitzwaryn

*'Through learning to learn, pupils will access society'*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and I hope that you all enjoyed the festive season.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Christmas Productions – I think you will all agree that the pupils did a wonderful job! I was so very proud of them all. The choir did a wonderful performance at the annual Mayor's Carol service and the run up to the holidays was filled with happy smiling faces as the pupils enjoyed lots of Christmas Activities at school including parties, film days and of course a visit from Santa with a present for each class.

On behalf of all the staff, a heartfelt thank you for all of the cards, gifts and messages that were sent into school before we broke up - your kindness is very much appreciated.

### **Internet Issues**

We are currently experiencing some internet issues, therefore if you are emailing into the school office please be aware of this – a phone call during school hours may be best especially if your message is urgent.

### **Important changes to staffing**

After 15 very successful years at Fitzwaryn Chris Slatter is taking on a new challenge and will be leaving at Easter to take up a Deputy Headship at Iffley Academy. On behalf of everyone at Fitzwaryn I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to Chris for all that he has done during the time that he has been with us.

During the Spring Term, Tracy Gardiner will be working with Tom Pegler (CEO) as interim leadership support at John Watson School in Wheatley – Tracy will be away from Fitzwaryn for 2 days each week until Easter.

Beth Jane, currently the teacher in Rowan class, will also be leaving us at Easter to further her career. We are currently recruiting for leadership/teaching staff and will keep you posted.

We welcome three new Teaching Assistants to the team this week and we hope that they will be very happy with us at Fitzwaryn.

### **Outreach Support**

I am delighted to say that the Propeller Academy Trust is working with the Local Authority and will be providing Outreach support to mainstream schools for pupils with SEND. Prior to the pandemic, Fitzwaryn had a very strong outreach offering which we are now able to reinstate. This initiative will be led by Jenny Jura who is an experienced leader within the SEND sector. This is an exciting development where the expertise within the school and the Trust will be shared to improve the outcomes for all pupils with SEND across the county.

### **A message from Leanne O'Donnell, Chair of Friends of Fitzwaryn**

Friends of Fitzwaryn are so grateful for your support at our Christmas Fayre – it was a fabulous afternoon, thoroughly enjoyed by all and we managed to raise a magnificent £1800 which will go towards the refurbishment of the Sensory Theatre. There is a 'Survey Monkey' questionnaire coming home which we would appreciate you filling out. If there are any events that you would like us to look at running please do get in touch.

Our next meeting is Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 09:30am in the school staffroom and we would love to see you there!

### **Curriculum Maps and Class letters**

Curriculum Maps and Class letters will be coming home in the next week or so. You will also be able to access these on the school website in due course.

### **Communication with parents**

As you know we recently carried out a survey to gauge parental satisfaction with the way in which we communicate with you and to see if there is anything else we can put in place to make communications more effective. I am delighted to say that the overwhelming response was a very positive one, thank you. Over the coming weeks I will be meeting with the teaching staff to discuss the responses and make any amendments necessary to improve things even further!

### **Changes to Speech and Language Therapist**

Following the departure of the previous SALT, Rachel, we have a new SALT allocated to the school as of the start of this term. Her name is Emma Reed and she will be at Fitzwaryn on a weekly basis. Emma is being supported by a Technical Instructor, Paula Chester. We are, however, still short of a SALT but I have been informed that the managers of the service are doing all they can to recruit to the vacant post.

### **Illness and Attendance at School**

We understand that from time-to-time pupils are unwell and need to stay at home to recover. Please can I remind you of the following:

- If your child has a high temperature they should stay at home and wait until it has passed before returning.
- If your child has had diarrhoea and/or vomiting please wait until 48 hours after the last bout of illness before they return to school.
- If your child has a runny nose, or a slight cough without a temperature and they can manage a day at school, then they should be at school.
- Good hand hygiene helps to stop the spread of viruses and we will be reinforcing this with pupils at school.

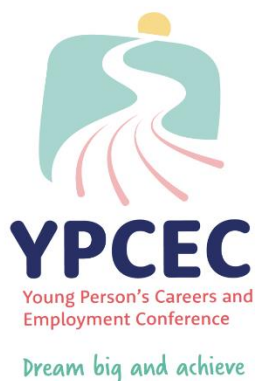
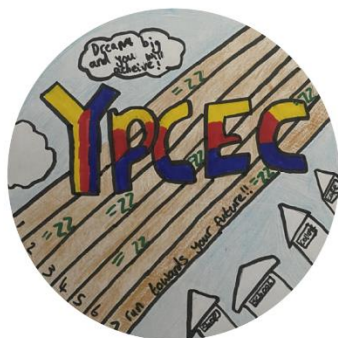
### **Gas Works along the Denchworth Road**

We have been informed that there will be gas works along the Denchworth Road beginning next week, 15.01.24. We are advised that the project could take 10 weeks to complete. Although we have not been told whereabouts along the road the works will take place, please be mindful if travelling into school that there may be some disruption.

## Young Persons Employment Forum - Logo Design

A few weeks ago some of our pupils attended a young persons employment forum. Whilst there they were asked to design a logo for the "Young Persons Careers and Employment Conference" with the winner's logo digitalised and used across the county on all of the work that they do. I am delighted to tell you that Lewis Green from Holly Class won!!

Before Christmas, Lewis worked with the marketing and engagement team at OCC where they turned the logo design into reality. Please see Lewis' original design along with the digitalised version that will now be used. We are all very proud of Lewis' achievements!



## Coffee Mornings

This term's coffee mornings in the Student Centre are at 10.00 – 11.30am on the following dates:

- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

A reminder that school breaks up for the Half Term holidays on **Friday 9th February**. Staff and pupils return on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**.

As always please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school office should you have any queries about your child at school.

With very best wishes

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