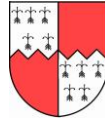


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2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely half-term break. It is good to see the pupils back at school with happy smiling faces!

### Music at Fitzwaryn!

Before the half-term break, all the pupils were treated to a wonderful day of music provided by a duo called Bassistry – Marcel and Philippe have been to Fitzwaryn before and it was wonderful to welcome them back. The workshops were funded via the Springline Partnership of schools which Fitzwaryn belongs to.

It is fair to say that Pupils and staff had a great time!



### Eco Council

Mrs Little held an Eco-Council meeting where there was a representative from each class. During the meeting the committee discussed 3 ways in which they could focus their work:

- Supporting wildlife: some pupils said that they want to dig an area to plant wildflowers while another idea is to make insect boxes.
- Energy – pupils are keen to remember to turn off lights when leaving their classrooms and to encourage others to do the same.
- Litter picking – so that the school environment remains clean and tidy, some of the committee will do a litter pick around the school grounds.
- Mrs Little will be working with the pupils to ensure that their work is carried out with the committee keeping very busy in the coming weeks! We will keep you posted about their progress.

### **Christmas Performance Dates**

This term is always a really busy one in the run up to Christmas! I thought it would be useful to share the key performance dates with you so that you can make plans for attending. Details of other events will be shared in due course.

Maple and Beech – 2pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Cedar Hazel and Ash – 10am on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Willow Rowan and Pine – 2pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Chestnut and Holly – 1pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Please note – due to capacity in the hall, places will be limited to 2 adults per pupil. Siblings under school age may be allowed in but must be under the strict supervision of their parents. Prams and buggies will need to be left outside the hall.

The choir have once again been asked to perform at the annual Mayor's Carols event in Wantage Parish Church on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December in the evening. More details will follow nearer the time.

### **Friends of Fitzwaryn**

Friends of Fitzwaryn are very grateful for the support that parents and carers have already given to fundraising initiatives.

There are two dates for your diaries that are coming up very soon!

#### **❖ Rags 2 Riches - 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Your bags of unwanted clothes can be sent into school on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November. They will be collected on the morning of 15<sup>th</sup> and your unwanted clothes will be turned into cash for the school!

#### **❖ The Christmas Fair is on 25<sup>th</sup> November.**

The following items can be sent into school at any time:

Tombola prizes – for Children and Adults (toys, toiletries, alcohol, chocolate etc)

Raffle Prizes – tubs of bubbles, punch balloons, packets of crayons, larger bouncy balls, flying gliders etc....

**Also, if you are able to spare any time to help on the day to make it a truly wonderful event, it would be very much appreciated. Please contact the school office and let us know if you can help out!**

**Children in Need – 17<sup>th</sup> November.** Willow Class are very busy planning the fundraising ideas and details will be sent out very shortly.

### **Present Palace**

The Student Centre is once again holding their very popular 'Present Palace' from 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> December. Please send any unwanted/small gifts in good condition into the school clearly marked for Present Palace.

### **Parent/Teacher Meetings**

Thank you to everyone who attended the online 'Meet the Teacher' event last term, it proved to be very popular. Booking for the Parent/Teacher evening on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** is now open via Arbor. Please book a slot to meet your child's teacher where you can discuss progress at school. If you have any issues with booking, please contact the school office and someone will be able to help you out.

## Parent Information Event on the World of Work

We are lucky to have support from Tracey Rogers, who works for the Department of Work and Pensions. She has been supporting our pupils in school to think about their futures, giving advice on how to write CVs, how to have positive interaction with employers etc. On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November she will be giving a parent presentation in the school hall at 3:30pm. Here she will be discussing how you can support your child when they begin to think about entering the world of work. It will be an informative event, so please do let us know if you can attend by e-mailing the office. Pupils are welcome to come with you if you feel it would be suitable. This event is open for parents in Year 7 and above.

## Speech and Language Therapists

As you know from a previous newsletter, we have been without a Speech and Language therapist since the summer. However, I am delighted to let you know that we have a new therapist, Rachel Brindle Tomkinson who has started working at Fitzwaryn this term. Rachel has been into school for some initial visits and she will be joined by another SALT later this term; I am sure that they will both be keen to get to know you all in good time.

## Home School Link Worker

I am delighted to tell you that we have a new Home School Link Worker (HSLW) starting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Once she has settled into her role and completed her induction, she will be introducing herself to you.

## Coffee Mornings

Thank you very much for supporting the Student Centre at their Coffee Mornings; the cakes and biscuits are delicious and the events are proving to be very popular.

Dates for the rest of the year are:

24<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
15<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
26<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024  
22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024  
24<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
28<sup>th</sup> June 2024

As always, if you have any queries about your child at school, please contact us via the school office [office.7027@fitzwaryn.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.7027@fitzwaryn.oxon.sch.uk)

With best wishes

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