

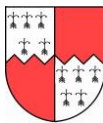
PROPELLER ACADEMY TRUST  
Fitzwaryn

*'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.

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

The end of the Autumn Term was very busy with pupil performances - I thought that they were all brilliant and thank you very much for coming to support them. The choir's performance at the carol service in Wantage Parish Church was also wonderful, so full of enthusiasm!

The Spring Term has started well, and the pupils are getting back into their school routine, finding out about the new topics that they will be learning. You will be receiving a curriculum map and timetable from your child's class teacher over the next week plus a letter to explain what is going on this term for the pupils so please look out for those.

### **Staffing**

Next week, we say goodbye to Clair Taylor who moves onto pastures new. Clair has worked at Fitzwaryn for a number of years as our Out of School Liaison Officer. I am sure you would like to join me in thanking Clair for all that she has done for pupils and their families and wish Clair all the very best for the future. Mrs Claire Tobin has joined the school as our Designated Safeguarding Lead; Claire comes with a wealth of experience in the field of safeguarding and is joining the Senior Leadership Team.

Tammy Bunce and Chloe Richards have both taken on the role of Higher-Level Teaching Assistants adding to our wonderful team.

We also have had 2 new Teaching Assistants starting with us this week.

### **Friends of Fitzwaryn**

The next meeting of Friends of Fitzwaryn is on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am** in the school staffroom. The committee will be discussing the next round of fundraising initiatives – All welcome!

## **Propeller Academy Trust Parent Focus group – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 1.45pm – 2.45pm in the school.**

You will have read in a recent communication from the CEO of the Trust that there is the opportunity of engaging in the Trust's Strategy 2025 - 2028. Your views are very important, and it would be great to see as many of you there as possible.

### **Puffin Crossing**

For those of you who come to the school regularly, you will know that the works to the Puffin crossing have been completed. As a school we are delighted that this has happened, and we all feel very much safer as we cross the road. The people who were working on the project were wonderful with the pupils, staff and parents

### **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.

### **Parents Evening and Careers Fair**

The next Parents Evening is on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025** where you will be able to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. We will also be holding our Careers Fair on the same evening. This was really popular last year with many parents coming along to find out what is out there for children and young people with SEN. We hope that as many people will come along as possible. When you book your appointments, please ensure that you leave enough time to visit the fair.

### **Multi Me**

Feedback from parent regarding the use of Multi Me has been very positive:

*'I love being able to see what my child has been working on as he can't always tell me when he gets home. He likes to look at the photos and videos with us and show other family members what he has been up to'*

*'Nice to see how my son is feeling when playing and learning with his friends'*

*'I like that we can share our photos of things that we have done as a family too'*

*'A really convenient platform to be able to see and watch IEP target evidence being recorded in almost real time'*

*'I check it every day via the very handy Multi Me app'*

If you need any assistance in using this platform to view your child at school, then please let us know via the school office.

## Coffee Mornings

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

- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March

All welcome!

A reminder that school breaks up for the Half Term holidays on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**. Staff and pupils return again on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February**. The end of the Spring Term is on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025** with pupils and staff returning on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025**.

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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