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## **Take Me Home** Newsletter 13—18th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

We are now well into the new term after the Christmas and New Year break. I am pleased to say children have settled well to work and we are seeing some real progress across all subjects.

In writing in particular pupils are working really well to improve their basic skills through our new 'Live Feedback' system that has been introduced in response to our recent Ofsted inspection. Alongside our 'Green for Good' and 'Pink for Think' highlighting, teachers now also use an orange highlighter to show children where they may have missed a word, put a capital letter in the wrong place or made simple spelling mistakes. This orange highlighting is done in the lesson and children are encouraged to 'fix-it' there and then. Look out for Live Feedback in your child's book when you come to parent consultation evening later this term.

We are continuing our drive to improve reading and thank you to those of you who have volunteered to be reading partners. If you are interested in volunteer reading or just helping out in a classroom once or twice a week please contact the school office and fill out an interest form.

Lots is also happening In Maths. We have purchased a new maths scheme to help us improve our maths teaching. The new scheme helps us to plan more challenging activities for children and also helps us to identify the areas where we need to give children more support. The Inset tomorrow is focused on using the new scheme. Also look out for flyers for our first exciting Lego Maths Roadshow.

Finally we are always working hard to improve our curriculum and ask you to watch this space as we work on developing our afternoon provision so that it is as exciting and engaging as it can be. We hope to launch our new curriculum at the beginning of the summer term.

Mrs Medley

Headteacher



### Dates for Your Diary

**18th January** The History Squad in school to visit Year 2's—The Great Fire of London

**19th January** Inset Day

**22nd to 26th January** Punctuality Week

**2nd February** Maths/Lego Roadshow

**7th February** Fab 50—Go Karting

**8th & 9th February** Year 2 Art Murals

**9th February** Attendance Tea Party

**12th February** Half Term

**19th February** back to school for Term 4

**19th February** Year 6 residential visit to Condoover Hall

**21st February** Year 3 trip to Ashmolean Museum

**28th February** Foundation classes Eye Testing

**28th February** Year 4 trip to The Story Museum

**1st March** World Book Day

**2nd March** PTA Bingo & Film Night

**8th March** Year 6 Playmakers Performance at Oxford Playhouse

**14th March** Voice in a Million singers to Wembley

**15th March** Parent Forum

**19th March** Aim High Week

**20th March** Book Fair

**21st March** Parents Evening & Book Fair

**22nd March** Parents Evening & Book Fair

**23rd March** Easter Bonnet Parade

**28th March** Fab 50

**29th March** Attendance Assembly, Attendance Tea Party, End of Term—normal school closing time

**17th April** back to school for Term 5

### Universal Free School Meals

A hot, nutritious meal is available free to all Early Years and KS1 pupils. For years 3 and above the cost is £2.10 per meal payable weekly in advance

### School Car Park

Please be aware that the school car park gate is locked at 8:30am to enable staff access and re-opened at 3:30pm. This is to ensure the safety of all children.

### SWIMMING













Year 4—Octave & Baroque alternate weeks  
Jazz—Wednesday

### Wednesday Homework Club

Homework Club ends at 3:45pm.  
Please ensure your child is collected promptly from the main reception at 3:45pm

## Attendance & Achievement

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
95.9%
KS1 ATTENDANCE WINNERS
BLUES 96.9%
KS2 ATTENDANCE WINNERS
SIBELIUS 99.3%
NUMBER OF LATES THIS WEEK
69

Class	%		Class	%
Symphony	94.8		Acapella	94.3 
Blues	96.9		Rhythm	92.1 
Jazz	99.3		Classical	97.1 
Octave	97.7		Baroque	97.2 
Beethoven	98.5		Mozart	91.8 
Elgar	98.4		Sibelius	95.6 

### **Thames Valley Police Active Communities—Have Your Say**

**Come and meet your neighbourhood policing team**

**Thursday 25th January 2018**

**Thursday 22nd February 2018**

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**9:30am to 10:30am at the Barton Community Centre**

**11:00am to 12:00pm at The Ampleforth Pub, Risinghurst**

**Contact: [oxfordbartonrisinghurstnhpt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:oxfordbartonrisinghurstnhpt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)**