

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an amazing week at Oatlands full of so many enrichment activities! Year 2 have been learning about the Great Fire of London and on Tuesday took part in an amazing history workshop. We used a new company and were so impressed with the experience they provided for the children. The morning was spent with children being immersed in carrying jobs of the period using real artefacts. This was interspersed with working together to put out the fire and rat shooting followed by an afternoon of archaeology. A great time was had by all.

Year 2 have also had their Spring term Forest school days this week created models and trinkets using Elder wood. This time they took a blind folded sensory walk through the woods they also built a house, and to follow on from their work on the Great Fire of London they were burnt! The afternoon was spent digging, playing in the mud kitchen and enjoying toasting marshmallows and singing around the camp fire. A huge thank you to Mrs Willemse for leading the sessions and to all of our year 2 parent helpers for helping at both events this week. We couldn't do it without you.

Reception children all enjoyed their art workshops this week. Their creations were inspired by the work of Kandinsky and the picture book 'The dot' by Peter Reynolds. They used lots of different materials to create both individual and collaborative artwork and the results were beautiful.

In assembly on Thursday we celebrated our Spring term 'Star Writers'. The children were so proud to receive their certificates and their photographs are displayed on the wall of fame for all to see.

We ended the week with a truly amazing class assembly. Jellyfish class gave us a snapshot of their learning in almost every subject as well as sharing values and rules! We were so impressed with the way in which they presented themselves, putting on a truly professional show. The audience described it as 'phenomenal'. Well done Jellyfish and thank you to Mrs Wood, Mr Copsey, Mrs Pomfret and Mrs Silva for supporting the children.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Tanya Mooney

### **Key Dates Next Few Weeks**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

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Whole school- online safety workshops

PTA Sponsored bounce

3:00pm – end of half term

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

**School Closed- Half Term**

**8:50am- Back to School**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

9.15-10.00 Seahorse class Maths workshop

9.15-10.00 Jellyfish class Maths workshop

Whole school World Book Day

9.15-10.00 Starfish class Maths workshop

## **PTA Sponsored Bounce-Friday 14th February**

Thank you SO much for your amazing donations so far, we are nearly at our target to fund the new library furniture so let's give it a last push, every pound makes a difference!

### RECEPTION

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/ladybirdsbounce2025>

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/butterfliesbounce2025>

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/bumblebeesbounce2025>

### YEAR ONE

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/starfishbounce2025>

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/seahorsesbounce2025>

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/jellyfishbounce2025>

### YEAR TWO

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/tigersbounce2025>

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/lionsbounce2025>

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/leopardsbounce2025>

## **Virtual Online Safety Workshops for Parents and Carers**

Next week, on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February, in school all classes will attend an E-Safety workshop provided by ECP safeguarding. Children will learn all about what devices can access the internet and how to ensure they make good choices when using apps or playing games online in order to keep themselves safe. A big thank you to the PTA for very generously funding these annual workshops.

## **Please do NOT park on the Yellow Zig Zags**

Parking on the yellow zig zags outside of school could endanger a child's life. As you will be aware we don't currently have a crossing patrol so it is especially important that we drive and park safely and responsibly at drop off and pick up times.

## **World Book Day 2025**

It is just over a month until World Book Day and so we would like to share some of the things we have planned for the week beginning 3rd March. As usual, we will be exploring a whole school text, and this year we are using *You Choose* by Pippa Goodhart and Nick Sharratt.

Children will have their own chance to create a version of the story in their class alongside lots of other exciting activities such as paired reading between classes, reading challenges, a book treasure hunt and dressing up.

As our theme this year is *You Choose*, we are inviting children to wear whatever they like on Thursday 6th March. In the story, the reader gets the chance to choose their own wacky combination of shoes, trousers, dress, shirt, hat or anything else so be creative as you like, just make sure it is safe and practical for a day at school.

Our Reading Champions are busy planning so we look forward to another fantastic week of celebrating books.

## **Safeguarding Notice**

If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing in the school or community, please speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL). DSL- Tanya Mooney, Head Teacher. DSL- Phil Copsey, Deputy Head Teacher or DSL-Kelly Grindle, Oscar Manager and Nurture Lead.

**Updates to the Website**  
E-safety webpages [HERE](#)