

Friday 31st January

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to end the week with Tiger's class assembly. They impressed us with their historical knowledge of the Great Fire of London along with beautiful artwork inspired by the fire. They also shared their science learning about animal classification and finished with a brilliant retelling of the story 'The disgusting sandwich' by Gareth Edwards. A huge thankyou to the Tiger class staff and to all of the parents who joined us today. We hope you enjoyed it.

Earlier in the week we were delighted to welcome Caroline the Midnight Mentor back to Oatlands. Parents from Oatlands, Manby Lodge and Cleves joined us to gain some top tips as to how to implement a positive sleep pattern. As always, the session was very informative and provided the opportunity for families to share their own experiences and to help find a way forward.

On Wednesday it was Luna New Year and in assembly we celebrated by sharing some of the traditions that take place. We read the myth of how the twelve animals of the zodiac were selected through a race and children were able to remember them all, which was very impressive! This year is the year of the Snake, most commonly associated with intelligence, resilience and love. We hope that those of you celebrating enjoyed the occasion.

Thank you so much to all of you who have already started donating to the Big Bounce Library furniture fund raiser. The children are enjoying seeing the totals increasing and in School Council this afternoon we shared the outcomes of the class votes for the prize for classes who reach the £399 target. We will share these on ClassDojo.

We have another busy week ahead with the first of our Spring term Forest School sessions. Year 2 are looking forward to returning to the field and seeing what's in store for them this time.

We will also be taking part in Children's Mental Health Week next week. Mrs Edwards our new PSHE leader has lots of great activities planned. This year the theme is 'Inside out' and we are going to launch the week by watching the film together. Don't forget to wear a scarf on Monday too!

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Tanya Mooney

### **Key Dates Next Week**

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Whole school- Wear a scarf day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Tigers Forest School
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Art Workshops
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Leopards Forest School
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Lions Forest School
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.15-10.00 Jellyfish Class

### **Children Mental Health Week- Wear a Scarf day.**

Children's Mental Health Week is the week beginning Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. The theme this year is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself.'. To mark the start of the week, we are going to be celebrating by wearing a scarf to school on Monday. This is in line with our PSHE curriculum. Wear a scarf on this day as a symbol of support for children's

mental wellbeing, while celebrating the values of SCARF - Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship.

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

On Friday 14th February our children will be Leaping for new Library Furniture. They will be trying to jump as many times as they can in 1 minute on a bouncy castle (so much fun!) and would love for you to sponsor them. We are hoping the funds raised can provide more spaces for staff to facilitate intervention and reading groups by reorganising part of the reading book storage area and providing updated furniture that matches existing library furniture. Pictures of the furniture are attached to this week's newsletter.

Each class has been given a target of £399, and the School Council are busy planning a special treat for all classes who reach their goal! Links to each class fundraising page can be found below, and on Class Dojo

#### 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>

### **Football and Multisports Courses - February Half Term**

Surrey Football Coaching Centres and Multisports Development Centres are pleased to be able to offer holiday clubs for the February half term (flyers attached). To sign up please use the links below:

<https://multisportsdevelopmentcentres.co.uk/>

<https://surreyfootballcoaching.com/>

### **National Autistic Society Workshop**

The National Autistic Society is running an Anxiety and Autism Workshop for parents in May 2025 (date not confirmed). If this sounds of interest to you then please contact Mrs.Isaac ([senco@oatlands.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:senco@oatlands.surrey.sch.uk)) for a referral form.

### **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**

Updated Equality policy which can be viewed [HERE](#)

Menu for next week [HERE](#)