



Dear Parents,

Hopefully all of you have received your child's **curriculum headlines** letter from your child's class teacher. This letter contains important information regarding what your child will be learning this term and how you can help. Parents who regularly show an interest in their child's learning (even if you can't help with homework!), research shows that your child will have a much better attitude to school and make better progress. Asking your child simple questions on the way home from school like 'how was your day at school?' 'what did you learn today?' or 'what did your teacher think of your homework?' can be a really good way of showing your child that you think school is important.

You should also have received our list of this term's **after school clubs** and **FREE parent courses**. Clubs are a brilliant way to boost children's self esteem and confidence. We would hope that every child will do at least one club per year. Sometimes children may say that they don't want to do a club but this is often because of a lack of confidence and even fear - and sometimes it may be right for parents to insist they try a club. You are welcome to sign them up as a 'trial' to see if they like it - very often they end up loving it! We're really hoping that lots of you take advantage of our **free courses for parents**. You should have the list on a letter in your child's bag today. We're running things like 'how to improve your child's behaviour at home (1-2-3 Magic) and 'Story Sacks' - a chance for you to come in and read and play with your child in school time. Please see the full list and return your choices to the office.

I'm pleased to say that over the Easter holidays **Sarah Buettner** had a baby girl - Isla Bernadette Buettner weighing 9.7lb. She had a good birth and is looking forward to bringing Isla into school soon.

This **Friday is MUFTI DAY!** Children are allowed to come dressed in their own clothes. Two of our ex-pupils are going to Kenya for a month to help with improving their communities with things like building new schools and helping children who are less privileged than ourselves. All money raised will go to the costs of this very worthwhile trip. Children are being asked to wear something with the one of the colours of the Kenyan flag - black, red, yellow or green.

I'm sure everyone has now seen our fantastic **new trim trail!** Thank you so much to FOSTA for raising the funds to make this possible - the children are absolutely loving School Parliament's choice of equipment! Please remember though that children shouldn't be using our Crow's Nest before or after school.

Lastly, this term's diary dates are on the back of this newsletter. Please look at them carefully and put them somewhere safe. We and your child love it when you are able to attend the many events that we have in school. Ben Arnell (headteacher)



**PARENT BOX**

Whilst tablets and computers can be beneficial for children, try to limit screen time to ensure children are playing outdoors with friends, playing 'make believe' games and reading. One hour a day is the recommended screen time for primary aged children; certainly not more than two hours a day.

**EXCELLENCE** is our value of the month. We've defined it as **'doing something better than you usually do.'** Here are some of the ways we are suggesting to children that they can show **EXCELLENCE** at home to write in their values passport:

- Show **excellence** by challenging yourself to do something better than you did it before (e.g. more skips in a row, more 'keepy ups' more great vocabulary in writing)
- Show **excellence** by keeping going even though you keep making mistakes
- Show **excellence** by doing your best rather than 'just enough'

The EXCELLENCE badge was designed by **Ruben Rodrigues** in Stephen Hawking class.



This month there is no Philosophical Question of the month but a **Growth Mindset challenge** for children to set themselves a challenge and achieve it!

