

# Newsletter – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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Dear Parents

Our children in Nursery and Reception had a fantastic time celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Day this week. The outfits were amazing and I was particularly proud of Mrs Ackland who wore her cow costume to the Aylesbury schools' cross-phase staff meeting at The Grange School later in the day.

## **Keyrings on Book bags**

Please can we remind parents that children should only have one keyring on their book bags. When a child has multiple keyrings on their book bag their drawer won't close which then affects the children whose drawers are above and below. It also means that the drawer sticks out and becomes a trip hazard for everyone. If your child is a keen keyring collector, please encourage them to swap the one on their book bag regularly rather than having lots of keyrings all the time. Your help and support with this is much appreciated.

## **Non uniform day Red Cross fundraiser – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

This is a last minute addition to the calendar but in light of the humanitarian crisis in Israel, Gaza and the West Bank we will be having a non-uniform day on Friday. The suggested donation is £1 to wear non-uniform to school. All money raised will go directly to the Red Cross appeal: <https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/israel-and-occupied-palestinian-territory-appeal>

## **Aylesbury Festival of Light Parade - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 4.15-5.00 to 5.30pm**

A few weeks ago we were fortunate enough to work with Kalpesh Zalavadiya for our Diwali dance day. He will be featuring at the Aylesbury Festival of Light Parade this weekend. This is a free event open to everyone. Further details about this event can be found here: <https://www.holycowhome.co.uk/ready-for-a-celebration/>

## **Year 1 and 2 phonics workshop – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2.15pm-3.00pm**

Join Mrs Baud, our phonics lead, in the hall for a demonstration of how we teach phonics in Year 1 and 2. Please note that as this event is being held during the school day, we will be videoing a demonstration by Mrs Baud and sharing a link to a recording of this for parents who are interested in learning more but unable to attend this event. We have organised this workshop following our discussions with parents and carers at Parents Evenings.

## **OPAL – Outdoor play and learning project**

Thank you to everyone who has brought in things for OPAL. We are currently looking out for dolls, metal pans, cooking utensils and sand and water toys. Please bring your items to school either at drop off or collection time so that they can be taken to the hall foyer or roundhouse.

## **1970's day – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

In January, Turnfurlong Infant School will be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. We will hold a special event in the Summer term but, to mark the actual opening of the school in January, the children will be experiencing a school day with a 1970's feel. Children should come to school in their usual clothes but they will be having 1970's style lessons, including a 1970's infant school assembly.

## Applications for Reception and Year 3 school places in September 2024

If your child is in Year 2 you must apply for their Year 3 school place at Junior school.  
If your child is in Nursery, and they were born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020, you must apply for a Reception place.

You must submit your application to Buckinghamshire Council by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The link to complete the application for Reception and Year 3 is here:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/>

Dates for the Diary	
<b>November</b>	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Years 1 & 2 Phonics Workshop for parents 2.15 pm-3.00 pm
<b>December</b>	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	'Winter Sparkle' day - wear something sparkly to school FoTIS Winter Bazaar 2.45-5.30 pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Save the Children Christmas jumper day Pantomime for the children during the school day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Christmas Play – 9.30 am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Christmas Play – 9.30 am Year 2 Christmas Play – 2.15 pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party Day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Carols round the Christmas Tree – 2.15 pm (children and parents) End of Term

Aylesbury Town Council have asked us to pass on the following event information:

### Christmas on the Cobbles

Jingle all the way to Aylesbury on Sunday 26 November for Christmas on the Cobbles - the best way to kickstart your festive season!

All things merry and bright will be taking over Aylesbury Town Centre across the day in Market Square, Friars Square Shopping Centre and Kingsbury.

1-4:30pm

Games, crafts, activities and performances in Friars Square Shopping Centre including Captain Christmas by Unbound Theatre, face painting by Zoomania, crafts with Queens Park Arts Centre, Lego building, badge making and a visit from ice queens, snow fairies and even a polar bear. There's something to keep everyone entertained - whatever the weather!

The snowball arena returns to Market Square alongside other performances on the Radley Doors and Windows Stage including Miss Claus and a magic show full of surprises. The Aylesbury Lions will be serving the ultimate smell of Christmas - hot roasted chestnuts! Watch out for Hodman and Sally who will be busy doing their Christmas shopping and singing some of your favourite carols!

4:30-5:30pm

Bucks Radio will be on the courthouse steps, with music and entertainment in the lead up to the Illuminated Parade.

5:30pm

An epic Illuminated Parade will light up Market Square. We'll be joined by Aylesbury Waterside Theatre pantomime star Andy Collins, Santa in his sleigh, local community groups and international street theatre performers, the incredible LED drumming group - Spark!

6pm

The Town Council's Christmas lights will be switched on in the Market Square, hosted by Bucks Radio, and will be followed by a stunning firework display.

Full details can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/Cobbles23>. The event accessibility information is available at <https://bit.ly/ATCAccessibility>.

<b>TERM DATES 2023-24</b>		
	<b>Open on morning of</b>	<b>Close at end of afternoon of</b>
<b>Autumn Term</b>	Tuesday 5 September 2023	Friday 20 October 2023
	Monday 30 October 2023	Tuesday 19 December 2023
<b>Spring Term</b>	Monday 8 January 2024	Friday 9 February 2024
	Monday 19 February 2024	Thursday 28 March 2024
<b>Summer Term</b>	Monday 15 April 2024	Friday 24 May 2024
	Tuesday 4 June 2024	Tuesday 23 July 2024
<b>Staff Training Days</b>	Friday 1 September 2023 Monday 4 September 2023 Thursday 4 January 2024 Friday 5 January 2024 Monday 3 June 2024	
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 6 May 2024 (school closed)	