



"The World for our Children, our Children for the World"

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Family Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Last week, we welcomed the Ofsted inspection team into school and we were incredibly proud to share the daily life of our school with them. Inspectors saw first-hand the hard work, care and commitment that go into making our school such a special place for children to learn and grow.

We were particularly pleased that pupils were highly commended for their excellent behaviour, positive attitudes to learning and their clear readiness for life beyond the classroom. The way our children conduct themselves, engage thoughtfully in their learning and show respect for others truly reflects the values we hold as a school community.

We look forward to sharing the final report with you once it is published, which is expected after half term

Mrs Sánchez



Thanks to the work of **parent Matt Grove** and his colleagues at **Bentley Systems**, the school has been able to purchase a complete new set of Chromebooks! Employees at Bentley Systems kindly nominated the school to receive a donation through their **community STEM grant** funding programme.

Through Matt's efforts in gathering support, the small individual contributions quickly added up to a significant total of **£7633.06** enabling us to replace older devices and further strengthen the digital learning provision that provides such unique opportunities at South Moreton.

We are incredibly grateful to Matt for making such positive use of his company's scheme to support the school. If any other families work for organisations that offer similar programmes, we would love to hear from you — and Matt is very happy to chat with anyone who might like to explore how they could help too!



Earth's Trust trip

Monday was an exciting day for KS2 as we all took a short journey to the Earth Trust. The surroundings were familiar to many of our Year 5 and 6 pupils, yet just as exciting for those in Years 3 and 4 who were visiting for the first time. The children embraced the day with great enthusiasm. Many thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of running up the steep slopes of the Clumps — while others found it hard work, it was certainly rewarding. It was wonderful to see such determination and resilience throughout the day.

We were extremely fortunate to take part in engaging, hands-on activities that brought history to life. The children learned first-hand about the prehistoric era, journeying through time from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. They worked collaboratively to build impressive Stone Age shelters in the woods and took part in a range of workshops, including constructing a roundhouse, bread-making to experience Iron Age food, and handling historical artefacts.

Thank you to all families for ensuring the children came well prepared for the day. We hope they shared their experiences and stories with you at home. The knowledge and enthusiasm gained from this visit will be used extensively in our history learning throughout the term.



SEND Coffee Morning

Thank you so much to all the parents who took the time to come along to our SEND coffee morning on Wednesday. It was a great opportunity to discuss inclusion, the support available for pupils and our own experiences. Your openness, questions, and positive conversations really helped make the morning a success, and we hope you found it helpful and enjoyable. We truly value your continued involvement.

If you were unable to attend, please do not worry as a copy of the slides have been sent to you or can be found [here](#), and we hope that you can join us for the next SEN Coffee morning on **Wednesday 29th April at 8:45am**.

School meal provision

A reminder that our menu is carefully planned and costed, and we cook nutritious, popular meals based on orders received. We are unable to order and cook additional portions, so if you miss the order cut-off we will of course ensure your child receives a hot meal, however this may result in them being served something they do not like. Thank you for your help to keep the system running smoothly.

Spring Term Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 28th January	Y5 and Y6 International Day at Didcot Girls' School	Details within parent email
Wednesday 28th January	Y5/6 Boys' Football Tournament	Selected pupils
Thursday 5th February, 2.15pm	Spring Concert	Choir, recorders and instrumentalists only. Parents of performers warmly invited.
Thursday 12th February	KS1 Cricket Skills workshops at Didcot Girls' School	Details to follow
Friday 13th February, 2.30pm - 3.15pm	Whole-school art exhibition	Families warmly invited to celebrate the children's amazing art learning!
Wednesday 4th March, Thursday 5th March, 3.30 - 5.30pm	Parents evening appointments	Details to follow

Pupil Premium eligibility - help us to support your child

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals and a variety of other financial supports, and school receives additional funding to support your child's teaching and learning. Please help us to claim this funding by contacting the Office if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits.

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit

- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

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into the school day to discuss and celebrate with your child.
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