

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Our School Musical - Matilda Jnr

As we approach the end of January, we are just two weeks away from one of the big events of the FPSS year, our school musical production on Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th February. Students have been rehearsing for many weeks in preparation for what should be an amazing performance. I am sure the audience will be laughing, singing and enjoying the show throughout.



After the pandemic this is the first school musical in our new Theatre. This is exciting but also presents the challenge of filling the Theatre, one which we need all our community to help support. There is no show without an audience so please do purchase your tickets for Matilda when they go on sale next week and really make the Theatre come alive.

Students from Years 7-13 are taking part in this year's production, with Freya Stevenson (Year 9) as Matilda, and Josh Rowe (Year 7) as Bruce. Please click on the link to watch a special preview below.

Tickets will be on sale at the beginning of February.



MATILDA JR - TEASER VIDEO



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

Next week (week 2)

THU 3 FEBRUARY	Year 9 Options Evening	6pm - 8.30pm
FRI 4 FEBRUARY	Late Start	9.15am

Forthcoming Events

TUE 15 - THU 17 FEBRUARY	School Musical
FRI 18 FEBRUARY	END OF TERM (TERM 3)

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021/22 & 2022/2023

Can you help?

A reminder that if you have any empty covid test boxes our Performing Arts department would be grateful for them to make hundreds of books for these performances of Matilda Jr. Boxes can be brought into Reception. Our PTFA are also looking for helpers for the event, please see their message at the end of this newsletter. Thank you.

Year 9 Options

We look forward to welcoming parents, carers and students to our Options Evening next Thursday 3rd February to learn more about the process and subjects Year 9 can select. Details of House timings for this event can be found further on in this newsletter.

Head of Cookham House

After many years of being Cookham's Head of House, Emily Holmes will be standing aside from the role. Luckily for FPSS Emily will remain with us teaching Art. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Emily for all her work

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A group of diverse children are seated around a light-colored wooden table in a bright, sunlit classroom. In the center of the table sits a small, white, egg-shaped robot with a friendly face. The children, of various ethnicities and ages, are looking at the robot with interest. Some are holding open books. The background shows a window with white curtains, a potted plant, and a red fire extinguisher on the wall. The overall atmosphere is warm and educational.

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How does it work?

AV1/Elsie sits in the classroom in place of the child, and the child can then join in lessons by listening, watching the teacher, asking questions, and participating in discussions. The child will be operating AV1/Elsie from a phone or tablet, wherever they might be undergoing treatment or recovering. The live streaming AV1 transmits a live stream, from the AV1 to the AV1 users' tablet. This means that no data is recorded. The live stream is end-to-end encrypted, meaning it is impossible for any external party to access the video or audio sent from the AV1/Elsie. It is not possible to record or screenshot when using the AV1 app on an Android device.

Who can access the AV1?

Only one user can be connected to the AV1/Elsie at any time. Students will know the user is connected when the eyes light up. The AV1 user must enter a 4-digit code each time they wish to use their AV1. In addition, the AV1 user or their guardian are required to digitally accept terms and conditions, which state that only the AV1 user will be using the AV1.



Image above shows what the AV1 user can see on their tablet

These security features are in place to protect your child who will be in the same class as AV1/Elsie, as well as the child who is not able to attend school. Normal safeguarding procedures operated to keep your child safe in school will continue to be applied.

As the AV1/Elsie was introduced to us at school we were amazed by the capability and saw this as a fantastic opportunity for a student to learn from home, and for students to be part of such an interactive experience.

Mrs S Crisford

Assistant Headteacher



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DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD AWARD

Deadline Monday 31st January

Following the Gold DofE Information Meeting on Teams last week, further information was sent out this week.

Payment will be in two parts, both due by **Monday 31st January**: registration of £60 to Furze Platt Senior School, and expeditions costs of £350 (in two separate payments of £175) payable to BXM.

The deadline to pay for registration on ParentMail and the expeditions on the BXM website is **Monday 31st January**.

Please can I remind you that the expedition and residential sections are independent of the school; I am available to support your son or daughter with any enquiries relating to the residential (information attached regarding this section), but it must be organised by yourselves. BXM will contact you directly with further information relating to the expedition once payment has been received.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns, and we look forward to supporting your son or daughter through their Gold DofE Award.

Miss D. Carty, DofE Manager

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FITNESS CLUB YEARS 7, 8 & 9

The PE department are thrilled that the Fitness Club is so popular. However in order to ensure it is available for all students and to ensure student safety remains paramount there is a new sign up protocol.

Parents/Carers should acknowledge their child's interest in the club for the term through the evolve system. They will then receive an email on the Friday before the club to confirm if they have a space for the following week only or not. The confirmation is for the following week only. New emails will be sent each Friday. Where students aren't successful there is always an alternative activity for them to participate in during the same time frame and evening.

YEAR 7 BOYS FOOTBALL

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The Year 7 Boys football had a fantastic match against Altwood School winning 11-0! A special mention to Luke Wise who scored 4 goals and received player of the match.



INVITATIONS TO CLUBS

You may wish to sign up to My EVOLVE for an overview of clubs, what's on etc – you can do this from any of the club emails sent to you in two easy steps: 1. Click on the link in the email as usual to see clubs 2. Click 'create account' button at the top of your screen.

Please note:

* all bookings for this term must be made through the original email invitation (sent out Friday 17th December); more clubs may be added to this invitation next term but all bookings need to be made through this email

[LINK TO NEXT WEEK'S CLUBS LIST](#)



VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

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YEAR
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YEAR
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Springpod have a wide variety of work experience placements available for students. They are all free and take place during the school holidays; the timing is flexible so students can fit it around their other activities. Many of the placements are for students in Years 9 to 13, although some specify that students must be in Year 10 or above. The deadline to apply for some of the February half term placements is 9th February, places fill up fast so any interested students should apply as soon as possible. For details and to apply, see

[SPRINGPOD - GAIN MEANINGFUL WORK EXPERIENCE](#)



YEAR
11

YEAR
12

NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE (NCS)

The National Citizen Service is now accepting applications for its summer programme for students in Years 11 and 12. For details, see below.

[NCS PARENTS LETTER](#)

[SUMMER 22 PARENTS PACK](#)

[NCS SUMMER INFORMATION FLYER](#)

DANCE AND HAVE FUN WITH DANCE 2 SALSA



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To join us please contact
Basil Pinnock:
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Dance2Salsa Dance
Company

[TO SEE WHAT WE DO WATCH OUR VIDEO](#)

SNOWDROP WALK TO RAISE FUNDS FOR LOCAL CHARITY



The popular Child Bereavement UK Snowdrop Walk will be held in the stunning surroundings of West Wycombe Park on Sunday 6th February 2022.



The Snowdrop Walk is a day to remember babies and children who have died and children who are bereaved each year. People will be able to plant a snowdrop in memory of someone special and wander the grounds, taking in the beautiful views.

Individual snowdrops will be available to purchase on the day and a nature trail will keep youngsters amused. Further activities and refreshments will be available throughout the day in the village hall.

Child Bereavement UK in Buckinghamshire helps children and young people (up to age 25), parents, and families, to rebuild their lives when a child grieves or when a child dies. We also provide training to professionals, equipping them to provide the best possible care to bereaved families.

Alan Titchmarsh, a Patron of Child Bereavement UK said:

"Please support Child Bereavement UK's Snowdrop Walk 2022 by attending the event in February. It's a lovely way to shake off the cobwebs and enjoy the fresh air. By planting a snowdrop in memory of a loved one, you will be helping Child Bereavement UK support bereaved families and children to rebuild their lives after the devastation of bereavement."

Time: 10.30am – 4pm

Early bird tickets: £3 Adults, under 16 & concessions £2 (under 3's Free)

Early bird tickets can be purchased at

WWW.CHILDBEREAVEMENTUK.ORG

Or **Tickets can be purchased on the day:** £5 Adults, under 16 & concessions £3 (under 3's Free)

For more information or to purchase tickets please go to

WWW.CHILDBEREAVEMENTUK.ORG

TECHNOLOGY RETURNERS PROGRAMME



If you are seeking to return to work after a career break this Technology Returners Programme could be a great opportunity for you. Follow the link for full details:

[HTTPS://INCLUSIVITY.CO.UK/NOMURA/](https://inclusivity.co.uk/nomura/)

Inclusivity Partners are experienced in helping career-breakers successfully transition and return to their career and industry whether you have been away for 12 months or 12 years. They also fully understand the challenges parenthood brings when it comes to work and have been helping people, totally free to you, across the UK for over 6 years.

TWITTER

FACEBOOK

INSTAGRAM

OFFICE ASSISTANT VACANCY AT COOKHAM NURSERY SCHOOL

Tuesday 08:30am – 3:45pm

Thursday 09:30am - 12:30pm

Friday 08:30am – 1:30pm



14.25 hours per week, £10.54 per hour, Term time only

Fixed Term Contract: Immediate start to April 2023 – with the possibility of extension for the right candidate.

We are seeking to appoint "the right person"! A friendly, professional, dedicated and flexible person to join our motivated and happy school team covering the school office and assisting at lunch club.

FIND OUT MORE

Closing date for applications: Monday 7 February 2022

Interviews: Arranged on receipt of application



**Parents, Teachers
& Friends
Association**



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[Contact us](#)

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Website: [click here to access](#)

PTFA NEWS THIS WEEK

CAN YOU HELP?



Help required to serve refreshments before and during the interval of Matilda Jr. Please get in touch asap with us on email or through Facebook. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 200 CLUB WINNERS -

£200 PRIZES ON THEIR WAY!

This Club is our primary fundraiser. Here's an overview:

The Club runs 4 draws per year and you could win £200 cash per number. Your winnings are made by bank transfer very soon after each draw so there's no hanging around. The PTFA and school could earn £6000+ per year if everyone joined paying £5 per month. You're in control of the

payments by direct debit, there's no contract (like your energy or phone!) and there's no spam emails either (we haven't got time to send them!). So it's a win win situation and we hope you'll click through here to join:

ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)

MONTHLY PAYMENT (£5 PER MONTH)



200 CLUB

Winning numbers for Draw 18

on Thursday 27th January 2022



You've got to be in it to win it!

FEEDBACK AND IDEAS WELCOME - YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND US!



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<https://www.facebook.com/fpssptfa>



<https://bit.ly/39u6vFv>

TEACH MAIDENHEAD



Interested in training to teach?

TEACH
MAIDENHEAD

is now recruiting for September 2022 in many subjects.

If you are passionate about working with young people and enriching their lives, then why not consider a career in teaching?

Imagine how you could develop their knowledge of the fascinating worlds of science, arts, technology, languages or humanities when you become an inspiring teacher.

Information on the courses available can be found at: www.teachmaidenhead.co.uk

[Find further advice for prospective applicants on the Get into Teaching website.](#)

To apply for teacher training [Click Here](#)

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