



**Be Ready, Be Respectful Be Safe 'To believe, achieve, succeed together'**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has felt, for me, like a very heavy meeting week. As a cluster of Brackley Schools we work very closely together as headteachers and on Tuesday all met to discuss a number of areas along with PC Simons who outlined the work the local police team do in the community. She shared how they could support schools and gave an overview of some of the current issues they are facing regularly with young adults. It was highlighted the massive increase of online issues they deal with, mainly focusing on malicious comments and indecent images. Continuing this theme, I attended a Northamptonshire Safeguarding Forum on Wednesday, and along with general safeguarding messages around harm and neglect both physical and emotional, we had a presentation from the National Crime Agency on Cyber choices. This focused on three key areas of prepare, protect and prevent and particularly drew our attention to an increase in people trying to gain unauthorized access to devices. I know only too well myself with two teenagers of my own the minefield that is the online world and despite all the negative associations it can be a very useful tool. Please can I really reemphasize the importance of keeping a close eye on what your children are doing online and ensuring they are being safe with parental controls and other family agreements in place. Yesterday I attended the Diocesan Headteachers conference, where once I had battled through snow to Kettering, I arrived to an astronomy and quantum physics lesson! This conference was about awe and wonder and we were given a number of fascinating presentations about the links and relationship that science has with religion with ideas to bring back to school and use. In school children have continued with their learning in a number of different areas and we are striving to make every moment count in school including our early morning work sessions. With forgiveness this week we considered the following bible quote from Matthew ch 6 v14-15 - "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins". We heard two different stories which exemplified this in action to help children understand its meaning. Next week seems to be a busy week with a number of events happening including it being Science Week. Miss Davis as our STEM lead has organized and will lead a number of different activities for the children over the week including an assembly on Monday. We shall also have scientist of the week as part of our VIP assembly. It is the PTFA Mother's Day sale and on Friday its Comic Relief. Due to this week's weather a couple of sporting events have been rearranged –this will all be communicated to you so please do look out for these details. Also, very excitingly next week the choir are going to sing at Wembley– it is a wonderful event to be part of – we shall share more next week! As a school community we would like to say a massive congratulations to the O'Callaghan family who this week welcomed a new baby boy!

Have a wonderful weekend,

*Mrs. Sarah Smith*

Class	Be Ready Be Respectful Be Safe Award	Sports Award	Head Teacher Award
Beech	Evelyn H, Finley S	Felicity O	Oscar P
Chestnut	Poppy H, Archie-James N	Jasper R	Megan H
Sycamore	Betty S, Henry W	Jennifer H	Alex R
Maple	Cameron W, Lacey C	Lily G	Oscar L

**Safeguarding** - Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.  
**Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Sarah Smith**  
**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Kaye Green**  
**Governor Responsible for Safeguarding – Mrs Claire Barrett**

**Attendance Figure** - for the whole school this academic year: 94.26%  
Target 96%

**Diary – WB 13th March**  
**British Science Week**  
**Monday**

**Tuesday**

Ms Pepler in school

**Wednesday**

Swimming for Y5/6

VIAM

**Thursday**

PTFA Mother's day shop

**Friday**

Comic relief

9am VIP assembly

Orienteering Event for 4 x

KS2 chn - rearranged

PM Forest School for

Beech Class

**DON'T FORGET!**

Comic Relief – Friday  
17<sup>th</sup> March

Wear something red,  
Poetry competition and  
red Nose Orienteering.

**World Book Day Quiz** – thank you to those who returned them. Congratulations to the Stubbs family who scored 26/30 and are the winners of the quiz.

Please can you make sure all clothing brought into school is **named!** This will help with items getting mislaid. Also, please can we remind you that we discourage toys from home being brought in unless for a specific reason.

**Attachments:**

- \*WUW Ipad
- \*Staff update
- \* Brackley Police Parking
- \* Job advert flyer
- \* KS2 Woodford Halse