



| Friday 26 January 2018, forthcoming events for the week commencing 29 January 2018 |         |   |  |
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| Monday   | 29.1.18 | 8am-9am<br>3.15pm-4.30pm                    | Breakfast club<br>Hang out after school club   |
| Tuesday  | 30.1.18 | 8am-9am<br>3.15pm-4.30pm                    | Breakfast club<br>Hang out after school club   |
| Wednesday  | 31.1.18 | 8am-9am<br>9.30am-12.30pm<br>3.15pm-4.30pm  | Breakfast club<br>Year 3 and 4 dance festival at The Warriner<br>Hang out after school club    |
| Thursday   | 1.2.18  | 8am-9am<br>3.15pm-4.30pm<br>6pm             | Breakfast club<br>Hang out after school club<br>Year 6 parents SATS meeting in Rowan Class     |
| Friday   | 2.2.18  | 8am-9am<br>10.30am-12.30pm<br>3.15pm-4.30pm | Breakfast club<br>Rowan Class hockey taster session at the JUMPA<br>Hang out after school club |

### HPS School Attendance –

Oxfordshire County Council's attendance officer met with me this week. She made me aware that because of low attendance figures we are now on the OCC 'watch list' for attendance in the county. What this means in practice is that the Local Authority will be closely monitoring our weekly attendance figures and we have powers at our disposal to issue fixed penalty notices, issue unauthorised absences and involve the county attendance team to help us improve attendance figure. Our whole school attendance figure from 1<sup>st</sup> September up to today is 96.6% which is in line with national figures. However, as we approach holiday season, this figure will drop because parents will take their children on holiday during term time. I cannot emphasise enough that this must stop. Any time away from school but especially time off for holiday, means children miss vital learning which they may not return too. We are going to begin issuing fixed penalty notices to parents who take their children away on holiday during term time in an effort to stop this. That being said, I am pleased to see so many parents taking the issue of attendance seriously and we have seen some good improvements recently for some students who had some very poor attendance figures.

### School Meals update –

I am pleased to say that after some legal complications this week, we have agreed a new catering contract for school meals with a company called Caterlink. They will pick up all aspects of the service provided by Carillion from Wednesday next week. Caterlink will provide the same service we had from Carillion for the same costs to parents. They will be issuing new menus shortly but in the short term, we ask that parents order from the old menu provided by Carillion. Please see the message from Jenny overleaf. I will be sending more updates in the coming days about this.

*'We will shortly be sending out the school meal order forms for the new term. As the forms are going out later than usual, due to the change from Carillion as our meal provider, please can we ask that you return them to the office as soon as possible in order for us to have time to process them. We will only be sending forms to pupils who currently have school meals, however, forms will be available from the office at any time. Thank you.'*

**Bollywood Dance Festival –**

Our Years 3 and 4 girls are taking part in a Bollywood Dance Festival at The Warriner on Wednesday 31 January. The festival takes place in the morning with pupils returning to school by lunchtime.

**Hockey Tasters –**

Our Years 5 and 6 pupils had their first hockey taster session this week. One more is planned for next Friday and we will be following this up by playing hockey in our PE lessons.

**Woodwind Lessons –**

Our woodwind tutor, Mrs Payne, has let us know that she has space if pupils would like to take up lessons. Mrs Payne will be giving a demonstration to children at an assembly next week and a letter with further details will be sent out following on from this to pupils in years two to six

| Attendance this week   | Thought for the day...  |
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| <p><b>Year R. – 97%</b><br/> <b>Year 1 – 100%</b><br/> <b>Year 2 – 98%</b><br/> <b>Year 3 – 100%</b><br/> <b>Year 4 – 100%</b><br/> <b>Year 5 – 99%</b><br/> <b>Year 6 – 96%</b><br/> <b>Whole School Average – 99% - so close to 100%! Well done everyone; this is another weekly attendance record!</b></p> <p><b>Keep this is up!</b></p> | <p>Too much of sport operates under the tyranny of the result...the core principle at Saracens is that we gather talented people together, treat them unbelievably well and in return they try unbelievably hard. That is it. Everything else – winning or losing matches, winning or losing Cups – are just outcomes. They are not the primary aim. We exist to have a positive impact on as many people as possible.</p> <p>– Edward Griffiths, CEO, Saracens RFC</p> |
| <p><b>Diary Dates</b></p> <p><b>1.2.18</b> – Year 6 parents SATS meeting at 6pm in Rowan Class<br/> <b>9.2.18</b> – finish for half term<br/> <b>19.2.18</b> – term 4 begins<br/> <b>26 and 27.2.18</b> – spring parents evening<br/> <b>29.3.18</b> – Term 4 finishes<br/> <b>30.3.18</b> – Good Friday</p>                                 |   |

## News from the PTA

No updates this week

## Class Dojos

### 200 Dojos

**Kean Webster**  
**Benjamin Baxter**  
**Charlie Tompkins**  
**Sienna Ayers**  
**Pippa Nurdin**  
**Peggy King**  
**Lola Holmes**  
**Harvey Nurdin**  
**Jake Elliot**

### 300 Dojos

**Lucy Musgrove**  
**Sophie Elliot**  
**Max Koberl**  
**Lottie Atkinson**  
**Issy Stuchfield**

## HPS Achievements this week

### Work of the Week

**Orchard Class – Daisy-Mai** – for her fabulous independent writing this week

**Oak Class – Millie** – for her brilliant ‘I can do’ attitude to her very challenging maths work this week

**Willow Class – Megan** – for her fantastic work in maths today

**Rowan Class – Lucy McN** – for her wonderful work when multiplying fractions this week

A separate mention to Year 6 who were brilliant school ambassadors when visiting Oxford on Thursday! Well done Year 6!

With very best wishes,

Matt Green  
Headteacher