

## Issue No.8 Friday 12th January 2018

Welcome back and we hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year!  
We have got a very busy half term ahead of us with lots of trips, visits and events planned.

We would like to welcome two new members of staff to the Corby Old Village team.  
Miss Paish has joined us as class teacher in Pixie Class and Miss Parker has joined us as teaching assistant in Pegasus Class.

### Dates for your Diaries

**Wednesday 17th January**  
Year 4—Science Off the Page

**Monday 22nd January**  
Parent Consultations, 3:30-7pm

**Wednesday 24th January**  
Parent Consultations, 3:30-5:30pm

**Thursday 25th January**  
Year 5—History Off the Page

**Wednesday 31st January**  
Year 1—History Off the Page (details to follow)

**Friday 9th February**  
School closes for Half-Term

**Monday 19th February**  
School re-opens for children

**Thursday 1st March**  
World Book Day (details to follow)

**Friday 2nd March**  
Class photographs

**Wednesday 7th—Friday 9th March**  
Year 3 & 4 Residential to Grendon

**Wednesday 21st March**  
Year 3 & 4 performances (details to follow)

**Tuesday 27th March**  
Year 1 visit to Woburn Safari Park (details to follow)

**Tuesday 27th March**  
Year 3—History Off the Page (details to follow)

**Wednesday 28th March**  
FOVS Easter Disco, 6-7:30pm

**Thursday 29th March**  
School closes for Easter

### Celebration Assembly

Star of the Week certificates were given to the following children on:

**12/01/18**  
**Class**

Pixie	Archie Simms
Unicorn	Deegan Tew
Pegasus	Amelie Godfrey
Griffin	Bailey Wichard
Centaur	Emmie Hendry
Dragon	Georgia Storey
Phoenix	Martyna Kozak



Well done everyone!

### Healthy snacks

Did you know that half of the sugar that children consume comes from snacks and sugary drinks? "Change 4 Life" are trying to encourage healthy snacking for children with their new campaign.

We support this and ask that parents provide healthy snacks and drinks for their children to consume at break time. Fruit is provided by the government for children in Years R, 1 and 2 and we ask that fruit, vegetables and other low fat, low sugar snacks are provided for the older children.

A "Change 4 Life" leaflet was sent home with all children this week which has some healthy snack suggestions and also information on how you can receive some free snack vouchers.



### 1-2-3 Magic

The 123 Magic programme (effective behaviour management for parents) will be running a four day course at Oakley Vale Primary School next half-term.

The sessions will be delivered on the below dates, 9–11:15am:

Wednesday 21st February

Wednesday 7th March

Wednesday 14th March

Tuesday 20th March

If you would like to attend this course, please inform Mrs Lowe or the school office and we will book you a place.

### Love Food

We have been informed that after the half-term break, Love Food will no longer be accepting cash payments for school lunches. All meals will need to be booked using the online ordering system and orders will need to be placed by midnight the day before. Orders will not be accepted in the school office and if a meal is not ordered for your child, you will need to provide them with a packed lunch from home. If anyone is not yet registered on the online system or are having difficulties using the system, please let the school office know so that we can help you to get up and running in time for this change.

### Reading Morning

After the half-term break, we will be changing our reading morning to become reading afternoon. Reading morning currently takes place every Wednesday at the beginning of the school day and is open to parents of children in Years 1 and 2. Reading afternoon will begin on Wednesday 21st February. Parents of children in Years 1 and 2 are invited in to school at 2:30pm to enjoy some time in their child's classroom or the library to read with them. If you would like to come in on any Wednesday afternoon after half-term, please report to the school office on arrival.



### Weekly attendance %

Class	W/C 08/01/18
Pixie	91.3
Unicorn	92.1
Pegasus	98.0
Griffin	97.8
Centaur	98.0
Dragon	98.0
Phoenix	95.3

### Applying for a Primary School Place

If you have a child who is due to start primary school in September 2018, you need to submit your application by **5pm on Monday 15th January**. You can apply online at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions)

### Parent Consultations

Parent consultations are taking place on Monday 22nd and Wednesday 24th January. If you have not yet returned your slip indicating the time slot that you would like, please do so as soon as possible to enable the teachers to plan the appointments. Thank you.

### Sickness

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they must stay away from school for **48 hours** after the last episode. This is to try and prevent the illness from spreading. If your child comes back to school too soon, we will insist that you take them home again. This guidance is supplied to schools from the HSC, Public Health Agency.

### Safeguarding

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our children, please contact the School and ask for Miss Thomas or Mrs Lowe (Designated Safeguarding Leads).

