



Head Teacher – Mr M Loveridge

10 January 2020

Happy New Year to all our parents/carers and students.

### Value for Term 3 – Integrity

The value we will be following for term 3 is Integrity.

Here are some ideas for you to use at home to join us in understanding integrity.

- Display the poster in your home and use it as a talking point with your young person.
- Spend time talking about a time when you have made a right choice in a difficult situation.
- Research famous role models for integrity. Here are some people we think are examples of living with integrity: Oprah Winfrey, Angelina Jolie, Martin Luther King, Rosa Parkes, Mother Teresa, Jesus Christ, Malala Yousafzai and Mahatma Gandhi.
- Make telling the truth a focus for January and talk about when this might be easy and when it might be hard.



We would love to hear about activities that students do at home linked to our core values. Please encourage your young person to tell their tutor, or email Emma Rossiter via the school email.



### Head Teacher Commendation Award

Congratulations to **Yousef of Ash** class who was recently presented with the 'Head Teacher's Commendation Award' for his amazing work in Science. He was able to explain how day and night occurs because of the Earth spinning and sunlight providing daytime. He presented this with writing and pictures. Well done, keep up the good work.

### North Wiltshire Special School Amalgamation

Following the cabinet meeting in November, Wiltshire Council has now presented the proposal to open a new amalgamated maintained special school to The Office of the Schools Adjudicator, who will make the final ruling on these proposed arrangements.

In the meantime, staff, governors, Wiltshire Council officers and representatives of parent/carers have been meeting together regularly to think about how the project is moved forward. As a group we have so far looked at five key tasks:

- Creating the shadow governing body which will be set up once we have approval from the Schools Adjudicator
- Drawing up a job description and advert for the new Executive Head
- Planning for children/young people who need a special school place in September 2020
- Shaping a vision for the new school
- Appointing an architect and contractor to take forward the new build

Attached to this is the first edition of the Special Schools Project Newsletter. Headteachers, governors, parent carers and Wiltshire Council officers have helped put this together to let as many people as possible know what is happening. If you have any comments, questions, or need further clarification please do make contact via the usual channels.

### Social Media

On Monday, as part of the staff training day, we were all learning about how to support the children being safe online. One of the apps we discussed was TikTok, a popular video-sharing and social media app. If you want to know what it is, what the dangers are, and how parents & carers can help to keep young people safe when using it please read the attached document. If you have any questions or concerns about social media, please contact the school via the usual channels.



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### Parent/Carers Subject Evening

Letters have been sent out for Upper School subject evening which is on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January**, and Lower School subject evening which is on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**. If you have not received a letter please contact the school to make an appointment to see your child's subject teachers.

### Immunisations for Year 9 Students

Please click on the link to register your child (year 9 only) for their routine vaccinations against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (DTP) and Meningitis ACWY (MenACWY). The closing date for this is **21<sup>st</sup> January**; please ensure you have registered your child by this date, there is no paper registration. If you have any problems or queries please do not hesitate to contact us on: 0300 247 0082. <https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/dtp/2019/wilts>

### Coffee Mornings for Parents/Carers

We will be running a coffee and cake morning for parents on the first Tuesday of each month to give you a chance to meet with other parents and talk informally to staff. The next one will be on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 10.00 – 11.00am**.



### Christmas Donations



Thank you for your kind donations for the hampers and for buying tickets for a chance to win one of our lovely hampers, the turkey and the £50.00 meat voucher. We raised a combined total of £466.00, which is amazing and will go towards equipment for our sensory room.

£36.20 was raised for Christmas Jumper day which will be donated to Save the Children fund, thank you for your donations.

The Charity collection at the Christmas Carol services was for Open Doors, a local charity for the homeless; this raised £138.80, again thank you for your generosity and continued support.

### Severe Weather

In the case of bad weather, please look at the school's website and listen to BBC Radio Wiltshire, Heart FM or Spire FM for information.



### School Lunches



School lunches can be paid either weekly or termly and can be paid by Bacs (details below), or by cheque or cash sent into school in a named envelope. If your child only wants lunch occasionally it is fine to send the money in on the day.

**Bacs details: Account number: 47769060 - Sort code: 309199**

Lunch is £2.20 per day, Weekly - £11.00, Term 3 - £63.80

If for any reason your child is absent from school and you have paid in advance you will receive a credit.



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## Letters Sent Home

The letters listed below have been sent home since our last newsletter; please contact the school office if you have not received the letters that are relevant to your child.

- Values Poster – Integrity Term 3 – all students
- Immunisation information - Year 9 students only
- Pupil Premium – Free School Meals information – all students
- After School Club Letters - all students
- Parent/Carers Subject Evening –Upper School
- Parent/Carers Subject Evening - Lower School
- Cooking contribution letter – all students
- DT contribution letter – all students
- Tik-Tok information sheet – all students
- Special Schools Newsletter

## Dates for your Diary 2020

### January

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	TD Day – No Students in school
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	FORS Meeting @ 7.00pm
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term 3 – Students
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Carers Subject Evening – Upper School

### February

Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Carers Subject Evening - Lower School
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	Humanities Day

### March

Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day – more information to follow
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## Best wishes

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## Wiltshire College Open Days

Chippenham Campus  
 Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 5-7pm  
 Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 5-7pm  
Salisbury Campus  
 Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 5-7pm  
 Weds 29<sup>th</sup> April 2020 5-7pm  
Trowbridge Campus  
 Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2020 5-7pm  
 Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 5-7pm  
Lackham Campus  
 Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2020 10-12 noon  
 Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Apr 2020 10-12 noon



## Fairfield Farm College – Open Days

January 14<sup>th</sup> 2020  
 February 11<sup>th</sup> 2020  
 March 10<sup>th</sup> 2020  
 April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020  
 May 12<sup>th</sup> 2020  
 June 16<sup>th</sup> 2020  
 July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020  
 @ 11.00am or 1.00pm  
 To book an appointment email  
[opendays@ffc.ac.uk](mailto:opendays@ffc.ac.uk) or call  
 01373 823028





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