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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of the new academic school year. We hope you have all had a wonderful summer break.

We have started the term by having an art themed week. Please ask the children which artists they have been learning about and the styles of artwork they have had the chance to experience.

Gold PE Award

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the **gold** School Games Mark this year. This is for our commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive sport in school. We will be proudly displaying this at the bottom of our newsletters and on our school sports display board in the main corridor.

Make me SMILE day

You may remember at the end of the summer term, we held our well-being day and we have received a letter of thanks from YoungMinds for the money we raised. Thank you everyone for supporting the event and helping in a small way to make a difference to the lives of others.

Successful Learners

Well done to the following children for gaining a learning certificate this week:

Lucas, Freddie - Reception, Lucas Y2, Freddie Y2, Daisy Y4, Heidi Y6.

Friday family celebration worship

Our first Friday worship will be on Friday 13th September at 9am where we will be introducing the new school ambassadors. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Meet your new class teacher

On Friday 13th September from 2.30pm, there will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's new class teacher and to find out about the learning for this term. If you are unable to attend, please look out for your child's class newsletter next week which will contain this information.



Headteacher: Louise Williams

Chair of Governors: Paul Clifford

School Business Manager: Ruth Pangu

NSPCC Visit KS1 and KS2

As part of our PSHE programme, we are pleased to invite the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, back to our school, to deliver their *Speak out. Stay safe* programme on Monday 16th September. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly to the children in our school as well as a workshop for Years 5 and 6. The specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and sexual abuse, without using scary words or adult language. Please see the attached letter for more information and feel free to visit their website. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 12th September – 7.30pm KSF AGM
Friday 13th September- 9am family worship
Friday 13th September- 2.30pm meet the teacher
Monday 16th September- NSPCC visit
Friday 27th September- 3-4pm Macmillan afternoon tea
Friday 11th October – harvest (more details to follow)
Wednesday 16th October- Parent consultation evenings
Thursday 17th October- Parent consultation evenings
Friday 25th October – Last day of term
Monday 4th November– First day of term
Tuesday 5th November- school photographs (more details to follow)
Friday 8th November – Remembrance Worship
Sunday 11th November – Remembrance Service at Church
Thursday 19 December – Last day of term 1.30pm

Wrap Around Care

We are delighted that Mrs Bradney will continue to run breakfast club on Mondays and Thursdays from 7.35pm to 8.35pm. If you would like more information, please contact her on: 07977099935

From next week, we are extremely pleased to inform you of our new after school sports provision that is available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3pm till 5pm. We hope you are able to support this and we hope to be able to offer other days soon. Please see the attached letter for more information and how to register your child.

After School clubs

There will be Atomic Science, Computer Explorers, and two sports clubs running from w/c 9th September. We are in the process of confirming an art club, Computer Xplorers and a knitting club. More details will follow soon.

| | Day | Time |
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| Sports Club | Tuesday | 3-5pm |
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| Knitting club | Thursday | 3-4.15pm |
| Atomic science | Monday – 4 th , 11 th , 18 th and 25 th November | |



Parent Pay lunches

Thank you to everyone for your patience whilst this new system is being installed. We hope to be fully operational by the end of this month and will keep you informed of any relevant updates.

School tuck shop

The tuck shop is available every morning break selling a variety of snacks for your child to buy if you wish. Children can bring up to 50p per day to spend in the tuck shop.

A healthy snack is still provided for all key stage 1 children every morning and children in key stage 2 are welcome to bring in a piece of fruit from home if they wish.

Piano lessons

Mrs Jones has some vacancies for piano lessons on a Wednesday afternoon. If your child is interested, please let the school office know. There is also an option of a free trial lesson if you are interested.

Morning procedures

On arrival at school, please say goodbye to your child in the school playground so your child can go straight into class on their own and begin their early morning activities.

Reception parents are allowed into the classroom for the first few weeks to work with their child on an early morning activity if they choose.

If you have a message for a class teacher, please leave it with Mrs Pangu, School business manager, or myself and if we are unavailable, please write your message on one of the message slips on the table.

We still strongly encourage everyone to use the village hall car park in the mornings and after school.

After school Health and safety reminder

During the school day, a member of staff will always risk assess the equipment as well as the way the children are playing in order to ensure the children are playing safely/correctly on the equipment. At the end of school, the children should **not** use the fort or any other apparatus. If children are playing on the equipment, please adhere to the disclaimer notice and ensure you are able to supervise your child at all times. Many thanks.

Please can we also ask you to ensure that your child does not walk along the wall or cross into the school car park at the end of day. Many thanks.

Health and Safety

Please can we remind you that if your child is unwell (diarrhoea and/or vomiting) to contact the school office by 9am, and that your child will need to be at home for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea and/or vomiting. For all other ailments, please refer to 'Guidance on Infection Control in Schools'

http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in%20schools_poster.pdf

Student Update Forms

These will be arriving home with your child on shortly. Please read the current information carefully and update any details (**especially contact numbers and email addresses which we use regularly to contact you**), so that our records are as accurate as possible. In order to make



the end of school procedures even more effective, we would like to remind you of our password system (1 per family) for collection of children at the end of the school day. This will operate when someone new to the school may be collecting your child and will enable us to verify the adult. Please could you add a password to the bottom of the student update form for your child, which will be kept confidentially. Please continue to inform the school office when there are any changes regarding your child.

Home School Agreement Forms

The home school agreement forms will be attached to your student update form. By enrolling your child at Kirtlington Primary you are agreeing to the expectations set out in the agreement. This year, the home school agreement will have been discussed in class with the children and we will not be sending home a copy for you to return.

KSF AGM

The current committee would like to invite everyone to attend the AGM on Thursday 13th September at 7.30pm in the **school hall**. At the meeting, you will be able to find out about last year's fund raising projects, the plans for this year, and how much fun it can be being part of a team devoted to raising money to enhance the learning of all the pupils in our school.

If you are unable to attend the meeting or would like more information, please speak to myself or contact Mrs Cole for more information.

If you wish to attend the meeting but have no childcare, there will be a room available for children to bring something quiet to use whilst the meeting is taking place.

Community News

Macmillan Coffee morning

After the success of our Macmillan afternoon tea last year, we will be holding another event on Friday 27th September 3-4pm. If you would like to donate cakes, biscuits, scones, or organise and/or help with this extremely worthwhile cause, please let Mrs Pangu or myself know. Please invite any other friends and family in the community to join us.

Supporting our school

Did you know that a small group of school parents and friends meet once a term to pray for our school, as well as for Bletchington and Chesterton schools? Prayers might be about things like children settling in at the beginning of the school year, or, later in the year, staff energy levels! Sometimes we use prayers the children have specially written, which are very touching, and occasionally we know that someone is ill and so we pray for them. It is all very informal and relaxed, and, with chat, coffee and prayer, lasts just one hour, between 8 and 9pm. Do come and join us, everyone is welcome.

The first get-together of the new year is on Monday 16th September, and will be at Michaelmas Cottage, Bletchington Road, Kirtlington, the home of Joanna Clifford who is the Children and Families' Co-ordinator for the Akeman Benefice. Ring her on 01869 351652 if you want to ask about it first.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend and we look forward to another exciting year working closely together for the benefit of all the children at Kirtlington School.

Miss Williams and the team

