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Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend parents evening this week and celebrate the positive start your children have had to the term. We always welcome your feedback and if you didn't receive our annual parent survey please let us know as we are keen for everyone to take part in this. The forms can be returned to the office box in the mornings. Please remember, you are welcome to speak to class teachers informally after school on the playground at any time during the term and you do not have to wait to the next parents evening. You are also welcome to contact the school office to arrange a longer appointment with a class teacher if you have any queries or concerns.

Schools Well-Being programme

As part of our well-being programme, we are delighted to welcome Emily from Pet Therapy into school and her reading dog Hamish. This will be a wonderful opportunity for children across the school to spend time with Hamish and enjoy sharing a story. If you would not like your child to be involved in this or if your child has any allergies, please let us know.

Successful Learners

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

Redford -Reception, Holly Y1, Teddy Y2, Mortimer Y2, James Y4, Seth Y5

Sports news

Well done to the Year 5 children who attended the dance event at Marlborough school last week. The children were very well behaved and learnt some street dance moves along with Mrs Langrish which we can't wait to see!

Willow Class trip

Congratulations to Willow class for a very successful trip to Avebury last week. The children were very well behaved and were able to further their topic learning through the museum workshop and walking around the site. Thank you to the team for making this trip a memorable learning experience for the children.



Headteacher: Louise Williams

Chair of Governors: Paul Clifford

School Business Manager: Ruth Pangu

Friday family celebration worship

Our next family worship will be on Friday 15th November at 9.00am where we will be holding our Remembrance assembly. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Royal British Legion poppy appeal

This week, the school council will be helping to sell poppies as well as other Royal British Legion merchandise such as snap bands (£1.50), wristbands (£1), reflectors and zip pulls (50p). The amount in brackets is only a suggested donation and there is a collection tin for any donations you may wish to make.

Remembrance Service

On Sunday 10th November, the school council will be attending the village Remembrance Service and be placing a wreath on behalf of the school. Other children are also able to take part in the procession if they wish.

Harvest Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who was able to join in our Harvest celebrations at church last week. The school council have decided they would like to support Bicester Food Bank again this year and so next week there is a collection box in the entrance hall if anyone would like to donate anything.

The Food Bank have informed us that they would welcome:

Tinned items– ham, tuna, Sardines, Pilchards, Rice Pudding and Tomatoes

Christmas food- mince pies, Christmas puddings as well as single Christmas puddings

Christmas extras – reading books, pens, colouring books, extra gifts i.e. chocolates,

They would prefer **not** to receive the following items: Pasta, soup and Baked Beans at the moment.

Forest schools

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Milk Shed at Weston-on-the-Green for their incredibly kind offer of sponsoring the hot chocolate for our Forest school sessions. This will make the sessions extra special and be a wonderful treat that all the children will be able to enjoy.

KSF events

Thank you to everyone who was able to support the after school hot chocolate event a few weeks ago. It was a wonderful way to end the week especially hearing a child say, “This is the best school ever!” when they saw the size of the hot chocolates!

Thank you to everyone who was able to support the scavenger hunt at the weekend. It was a great event made even more enjoyable by the lack of rain clouds!

Thank you as well to everyone who has helped to organise the second hand clothes stall during parent evenings this week. This has received very positive feedback and will be a more regular event during the school year.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 22nd October – Rowan class trip

Thursday 24th October- Cross country event

Friday 25th October – Last day of term



Monday 4th November– First day of term
 - Reception eye test (information sent home in book bags this week)
 Tuesday 5th November- school photographs (individual portraits and sibling groups)
 Wednesday 6th November – Years 5/6 IMPS trip
 Friday 8th November- Open morning for reception parents September 2019
 - KSF Film night 3.30pm-5.15pm (details to follow)
 Sunday 10th November – Remembrance Service at Church, 10.45am
 Tuesday 12th November- Nasal flu vaccination – all pupils
 Friday 15th November – Remembrance Worship
 Friday 22nd November – Years 5/6 Junior Citizens trip
 Wednesday 27th November- Big Sing- Oak class Oxford Town Hall (more details to follow)
 Tuesday 3rd December – Clothing collection 9am
 Friday 6th December- KSF Christmas Bazaar 4-6.30pm
 Tuesday 17 December –School carol service at St. Marys Church, 6pm
 Thursday 19 December – Last day of term 1.30pm (and catch up guitar lessons)

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

After School clubs

There are still places available at all of our clubs this term.

	Day	Time
Atomic science	Monday – 13 th & 20 th January and 3 rd and 10 th February	3-4.15pm Details to follow soon
Sports Club	Tuesday	3-5pm
Sports Club	Wednesday	3-5pm
Knitting club	Thursday	3-4.15pm till half term
Create Art club	Thursday starting 7.11.19	3-4.15pm
STEM club	Friday starting January	3-4.15pm Details to follow

ParentPay

ParentPay is now in full use. From half term, it will be presumed that any children who have not booked a meal will have brought a packed lunch into school, even if you do not pay for meals. Most schools take bookings 2 or 3 weeks in advance so that the cook is able to place orders accordingly and reduce food waste. This is our goal also. The new autumn menu has now been uploaded to the system. There will be occasions when the menu choices available may change from the menu shown in ParentPay, for example, when a class is on a day trip and children may have packed lunches provided by the school cook.

The school does not have access to the same screens that parents see, so if you have any queries regarding ParentPay, please let us know and we will investigate these. Eventually, we intend to use ParentPay for school trips as many parents have requested and we will notify you all when this has been added. Thank you.



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.

Guitar lessons

These have proved to be so popular that the sessions have now changed from Wednesday to Thursday to accommodate all groups.

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)



Admissions to infant and primary schools

Applying to start infant and primary school for the first time.

Children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 (inclusive) need to apply for a primary or infant school place for their children.

How to apply:

From 1 November 2019 you can apply online for a primary or infant school place.

If you cannot apply online, you can request a paper application form from schools, nurseries and from the School Admissions Team.

The deadline for receipt of completed school applications is 15 January 2020

If your application is late, it will be processed later in the year, and you are far less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/starting-school/infant-and-primary-school>

Secondary school applications

Information for parents and carers of children due to transfer to secondary school in September 2020

Applications can now be submitted for Year 6 transfer to Year 7 at secondary school for September 2020 entry.

Applications should be submitted online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions
The deadline for receipt of completed applications is **31 October 2019**.

If you cannot apply online, you can request a paper application form from schools and from the School Admissions Team.

If your application is late, it will be processed later in the year, and you are far less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/starting-school/secondary-school>

If you should have any queries regarding starting school or secondary transfer, please see Mrs Pangu in the school office.

Wishing you an enjoyable half term break.

Miss Williams and the team

