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C.E. School

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School value: Aspiration  
Christian value: Thankfulness

30<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who was able to support us at the Macmillan afternoon tea on Friday and for the many offers of help and delicious donations of cakes. It was a lovely way to end the week and we are delighted to say we raised £150.

Thank you to Mrs Langrish and a group of wonderful volunteers who have helped us to start to reorganise the school library. The children are already excited about using it.

### **School Ambassadors**

Congratulations to the following children who have been successfully voted onto the following councils:

**School Council-** Anna (Y6) Lucy (Y5) Rowan (Y4) William (Y3) George (Y2) and Hollie (Y1)

**Eco Council-** Daniel (Y6) Isabelle (Y5) Pippa (Y4) Adam (Y3) Poppy (Y2) and Lewis (Y1)

**Year 6 House Captains-** Minnie Grace, Arthur, Daniel and Lola

**Year 6 Sports Leaders-** Minnie Grace, Heidi, Arthur

**Mental Health Awareness Ambassadors:** Aria, Zach, Jacob, Seth, Isabelle, and Lucy

### **Successful Learners**

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

Barney, Emily - Reception, Henry Y2, Poppy Y2, Holly Y4, Jacob Y5.

### **Head Teacher Award**

Congratulations to the following children for gaining a head teachers sticker:

Harvey (Y1), Freddie (Y2), Rowan (Y4), Daisy (Y4), Ernie (Y4), Charlotte (Y4),

### **Sports news**

Congratulations to the sports leaders for completing their playground leaders' training on Friday at Marlborough CE School. We look forward to seeing the training in action at lunchtimes over the next few weeks.

### **Friday family celebration worship**

Our next family worship will be on Friday 11th October at 9.30am where we will be celebrating our Harvest festival at the church. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Headteacher: Louise Williams

Chair of Governors: Paul Clifford

School Business Manager: Ruth Pangu

## **KSF AGM**

A huge thank you to the committee of 2018-2019 for all their hard work and enthusiasm last year. It was another very successful fundraising year and the team and I are extremely grateful for the wonderful resources we have been able to purchase for the children.

We welcome in the new committee and look forward to seeing you all at their upcoming events. If you were unable to attend the AGM but would like to be involved, please let us know.

## **Dates for your diary**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Safeguarding Training for school volunteers

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October- Year 5/6- science trip

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October- Willow class trip

- KSF hot chocolate event 3pm

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October- Year 5 dance event at Marlborough

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest celebration 9.30am St Mary's Church

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October- KSF scavenger hunt

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October- Parent consultation evenings & 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale

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Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Rowan class trip

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October- Cross country event (more details to follow)

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of term

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November– First day of term

- Reception eye test (more details to follow)

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November- school photographs (more details to follow)

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Years 5/6 IMPS trip

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Worship

- KSF Film night 3.30pm-5.15pm

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Service at Church

Tuesday 12 November- Nasal flu vaccination –all pupils

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Years 5/6 Junior Citizens trip

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November- Big Sing- Oak class Oxford Town Hall (more details to follow)

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – 9am Clothing collection

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December- KSF Christmas Bazaar 4-6.30pm

Thursday 19 December – Last day of term 1.30pm

## **Parent consultation evenings**

There will be an opportunity to book an appointment next week to meet your child's class teacher and discuss their learning so far this term. Please look out for this information this week.

## **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 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> January and 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> 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
Art club	Thursday	After half term

## ParentPay

ParentPay is now in full use. Please can all families ensure you have logged on and activated your accounts. Even if you do not pay for school meals, these need to be ordered in advance through ParentPay. 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. 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 are likely to change 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](http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in%20schools_poster.pdf))

### **Student Update Forms**

Thank you to those of you who have returned these forms. There are still 7 forms outstanding so please could these be returned to the school office by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October so that our records are as accurate as possible.

### **Pupil Acceptable Use Policy Agreement &**

### **Parent/Carer Acceptable Use Policy Agreement and Home School Agreement Forms**

If you have not received one of the above forms, please let the school office know. These forms do not need to be returned this year, as by enrolling your child at Kirtlington Primary School you are agreeing to the expectations set out in the agreements.

## **Community News**

### **Church News**

#### **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.

If you require more information, please contact Joanna Clifford who is the Children and Families' Co-ordinator for the Akeman Benefice on 01869 351652.



## 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](http://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 week.

*Miss Williams and the team*

