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Dear Parents,

We hope you all had an enjoyable half term. Our focus this week has been on remembering those who fought for us particularly in the Second World War in preparation for the 75th anniversary of VE day next year. Yesterday, the children had a very special assembly led by Mrs Thorneloe and Mr and Mrs Waterhouse. The children learnt about life as an evacuee as well as the role of the British Legion and you may have seen them wearing a name label that they were given at the assembly. In class, the children have been learning about the role of women in the war, writing diary accounts and producing a range of artwork linked to the war. We hope to share some of this learning with you in our family worship next week.

Remembrance Service

Thank you to members of the school council who will be placing a wreath on behalf of the school at the village Remembrance Service on Sunday. Any children wishing to take part in the procession are very welcome.

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.

School Well-Being programme

Thank you to those of you who returned your forms and shared such positive comments with us about the work we are doing in school. We will continue to keep you updated about any future events.

Annual parent survey results

Thank you to everyone who returned forms; we will be sharing the results with you soon.

An advance notice: on Friday 21 November there will be no office cover so please can any arrangements be made by email the day before or be left with a member of the team at morning drop off. Many thanks.

Successful Learners

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



Headteacher: Louise Williams

Chair of Governors: Paul Clifford

School Business Manager: Ruth Pangu

Ned and Harrison -Reception, Megan Y2, William Y3, Daisy Y4, Aria Y5

Sports news

Cross country event

Well done to all the children who took part in the Cross country event before half term. The event was attended by 35 schools across Oxfordshire and around 800 children took part. We are incredibly proud of all the children who represented our school and showed great determination to complete a very challenging course in very wet conditions.

Under 9 boys ranking 10/33

Under 9 Girls ranking 14/31

Under 11 boys- ranking 29/33

Under 11 girls- ranking 27/35

Rowan Class trip

Congratulations to Rowan class for a very successful trip to the museum of Oxford before half term. The children were extremely well behaved and were able to further their topic learning through the museum workshop. Thank you to the team for making this trip a memorable learning experience for the children.

Years 5/6 IMPS trip

Well done to Year 5/6 who conducted themselves to a high standard during their trip this week. Hopefully, they will have already shared some of their learning with you at home: how to carry out CPR, how to stay safe and how to put someone in the recovery position.

Brass Demonstration for children in Year 2 +

The Oxfordshire County music service will be holding a brass demonstration for children interested in learning to play a brass instrument on Monday 11th November at 3pm in the school hall.

Children in Need

The school council are extremely excited to be planning events for next Friday afternoon. One of the ideas is to try and fill a Pudsey picture with loose change, there may be a cake and toy sale after school and a range of challenges that may need sponsoring for! The school council will be sharing more details next week once they have had chance to discuss ideas with their classes. It will be a normal school uniform day.

Photograph Orders

Please note that Tuesday 12th November is the deadline for ordering school photographs through school. Photos may also be ordered online.

Harvest Food Bank

Thank you for the many donations we have already received. The children will be learning more about the Food Bank and the work it does in an assembly led by a member of the Bicester Food Bank in two weeks' time. The collection box is 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 KSF for funding more forest school sessions with Mrs Jaggard this term. The forest school sessions currently planned are:

14 Nov-R/Y1,
21 Nov- Y4/5/6
28 Nov- Y4/5/6
5 Dec - Y2/3
12 Dec Y2/3

(All sessions are subject to changes in weather and safety in the forest)

Thank you again to the Milk Shed at Weston-on-the-Green for their incredibly kind offer of sponsoring the hot chocolate for our Forest school sessions.

KSF events

Please look out for a letter detailing information about a Christmas card fundraising idea designed by your child in their school book bags.

Dates for your diary

Friday 8th November- Open morning for reception parents September 2019
KSF Film night 3.30pm-5.15pm **Lego Movie 2**

Sunday 10th November – Remembrance Service at Church, 10.45am

Tuesday 12th November- Nasal flu vaccination – all pupils whose parents have given consent
Deadline for ordering school photographs

Friday 15th November – Remembrance family worship 9am

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

Wednesday 27th November- Big Sing- Oak class Oxford Town Hall (6.30pm)

Tuesday 3rd December – Clothing collection 9am

Friday 6th December- KSF Christmas Bazaar 4-6.30pm (Oak class choir to open)

Friday 13th December- Rowan class Nativity 2pm (more details to follow)
- Winning house group non uniform day

Tuesday 17 December – School carol service at St. Marys Church, 6pm (more details to follow)

Wednesday 18th December- Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day

Thursday 19 December – Last day of term 1.30pm (and catch up guitar lessons tbc)

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
Create Art club	Thursday starting 7.11.19	3-4.15pm
STEM club	Friday starting January	3-4.15pm Details to follow

ParentPay

Thank you to everyone who has managed to make use of ParentPay. A couple of things we have learned is that the system is clearer when using a desktop or laptop rather than an AppleMac or phone. Also, it appears that when booking meals, sometimes it is necessary to submit or confirm the bookings more than once or log out and back into the system again before there is a change of colour indicating that the bookings have been registered. It appears to be a little temperamental but please keep us informed of any difficulties you may have so that we can monitor and overcome them. 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.

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)

Currently, we are experiencing higher levels of children suffering from sickness. Please ensure your child comes to school with their coat and jumper during this cold season. Many thanks.

Community News

Church news

School support: the termly get-together to pray for our 3 local church schools will take place on Monday, 11th November, between 8 and 9pm at Michaelmas Cottage, Bletchingdon Road, Kirtlington. This is a very informal time to chat and pray about general things a school such as ongoing health, happiness, energy, inspiration, and about forthcoming events. Do feel free to come and join us. If you want to find out more first, contact Joanna Clifford (Children and Families Co-ordinator in the Akeman Benefice) on joannaclifford.akeman@gmail.com.

Messy Church on 24th November is being a bit Advent-urous. With the theme of "Following the Star, a festive Feast", ingredients will include camouflage netting and tunnels, helium balloons and stars, stars and more stars, glow-sticks, some mysterious instructions, music, singing, storytelling and a 2-course meal. Come and share the experience at Kirtlington Church from 4 to 5.30pm. For all ages - children need to bring an adult with them but adults are allowed in without children!

Journey of the Magi

The Journey of the Magi dance/drama event is taking place in Kirtlington Church on Friday 29 November at 7pm. (Please see the attached poster.) It is suitable for all ages and promises to be a very enjoyable occasion. Tickets cost £10 for adults and £5 for children and can be purchased from school, the shop or church.



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>

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

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend,

Miss Williams and the team

