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Dear Parents,

The Oxfordshire Big Sing event

There are some events that are so special that you wish you could do them all over again and that is particularly true of the 'Big Sing' event we attended at Oxford Town Hall this week. We were part of a massed choir of about 200 children and were lucky enough to be able to attend the third night organised by the County Music Service. The Town Hall was spectacularly decorated but our children gave an outstanding performance throughout the evening and particularly shone during our own special performance of 'All around the World'. Thank you to all the parents that were able to support (and cheer!) for us- it was lovely to share the moment with you all. Thank you as well to the team- an event like this takes lots of organisation behind the scenes from a wide range of people.

Successful Learners

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

Aaron -Reception, Jackson Y1, George Y2, Teddy Y2, Joey Y3, Will Y4, Finlay Y4 and Isabelle Y5

Class attendance award

Well done to all of the children in Year 3 in Willow class who scored the highest year group attendance rate for term 1- 99.27%. All of the children will receive house points for their house group as a reward

Please also be aware that our County attendance policy has been updated on the school website.

Years 5/6 Junior Citizen Trip

Well done to Year 5/6 who conducted themselves to a high standard during their trip last week. They learnt about a range of strategies to enable them to stay safe online, around the home and out in the community. Please ask them to share their learning with you at home.

Children in Need



Headteacher: Louise Williams

Chair of Governors: Paul Clifford

School Business Manager: Ruth Pangu

Thank you to the School Council for organising our Children in Need afternoon. We began the afternoon by watching some videos about how other children had benefited from the money raised by Children In Need and then enjoyed a range of activities such as creating a Pudsey bear out of the coins that were donated. We are delighted to announce that we raised £100.00.

Christmas Food Bank

Thank you to Janet Ray from the Bicester Food Bank for leading a really interesting assembly for the children last week. She was delighted to be able to take some donations that had been left in the collection box and we look forward to being able to pass on some Christmas items when she returns before the end of term.

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.

Christingle Candles

Thank you to those families who have returned their Christingle candle. The Christingle Church Service will take place this Sunday at 4pm, but if you are not able to attend, please can all remaining Christingle candles be returned to school by Monday 2 December. Thank you.

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:

5 Dec - Y2/3

12 Dec Y2/3

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

If anyone has any soft toy woodland creatures (only woodland creatures please) or wicker baskets that they would like to donate, Mrs Jaggard would be very grateful.

Carol service

This is our special end of term event in which all children in Years 2-6 are expected to attend. There will be readings from Year 6 and each class will take part in the telling of the Christmas story.

Children are required to wear school uniform to this event and if there are any specific requirements for a particular class, the class teacher will inform you of this by letter. No tickets are required but seating is often limited in the church so in order to accommodate every family, we have allocated 2 seats per family. Please can children arrive at the church at 5.50pm and if for some reason your child is unable to attend the event, please notify the class teacher in advance.

Christmas lunch

On Wednesday 18th December, we will be holding our Christmas lunch. To help us to celebrate the event, children are able to make a Christmas hat or bring one from home if they wish. Also, as part of Save the Children we will also be taking part in 'Wear your Christmas Jumper' instead of your school sweatshirt for this day (all other uniform as normal please). Please do not go out and buy a jumper especially for this event, an old jumper could be decorated just with tinsel. A donation of £1.00



towards Save the Children would be welcomed. Please could this donation be made on the day and not in advance, thank you.

Reception and Year 1 Christmas assembly

Parents of Y1/Reception only are invited to see the children retell the Christmas story and sing some Christmas songs on Friday 13th December at 2.00pm. You are welcome to stay for a mince pie at the end of the assembly.

KSF Christmas Bazaar

Previous flyers are re-attached as a reminder of what will be available at the Christmas Bazaar.

Dates for your diary

Monday 2nd December – Deadline for returning Christingles to school please
 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
 - Winning house group non uniform day
 Tuesday 17 December – School carol service at St. Marys Church, 6pm
 Wednesday 18th December- Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day
 Thursday 19 December – Last day of term 1.30pm (and catch up guitar lessons tbc)
 Monday 6th January- INSET
 Tuesday 7th January- School begins

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

The children have had some extremely exciting assemblies over the last two weeks which we hope they have told you all about. Please see information regarding the Tech club and Atomic science club which will be attached with this newsletter.

	Day	Time
Atomic science club	Monday – 13 th & 20 th January and 3 rd and 10 th February	3-4.15pm
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
Tech club	Friday starting 10.1.20	3-4.15pm

ParentPay

Please note that there is a slight change of menu on Wednesday 18th December when the special Christmas menu will be available rather than the usual roast. Hopefully this change is now showing in ParentPay, so please check and amend your pre-order if required.



We are still ironing out a few smaller issues, such as Pre-school children not being charged for meals taken. Please keep informing us of any other issues you are having. The system seems a little temperamental and we recommend that orders for meals are placed at least a week in advance rather than in the morning, so that if there is a glitch, there is time to try again later. Thank you.

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

Kirtlington Film club will be a showing the film ELF at the village hall on Saturday 7th December. It is for all the family and for more information, please see the flyer attached.

Church news

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

