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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to term 6! We hope you are all keeping safe and well and had an enjoyable half term.

This week, we have welcomed back children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. It has been lovely to hear more voices in school but we understand how very difficult this decision is for every family, whether that decision has been to return to school this week or not. Our staggered arrivals and departures from school have been working well and we would like to say a huge thank you to the children and parents for adapting so quickly to the new drop off and collection system.

For some children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 it may seem strange that they are not yet allowed to return to school when some of their friends have. Like you, we are still waiting to hear more information regarding this.

To you as parents, we continue to extend our thanks for completing even more weeks of learning at home. We acknowledge that this way of learning will vary for each family and may vary daily or weekly. We know that motivation levels may wane on some days more than others –both for you and your child. We continue to appreciate all you are doing and we do not expect you to be taking on the teaching role but just supporting your children in their learning. Please remember, if your child is faced with a learning challenge, encourage them to have a growth mind set, and when this does not solve the challenge, please leave the question or task and move onto something else.

As a team, we are working very hard to adjust to new ways of working safely, as well as teaching more children in school and continuing online home learning. If you need any further support or feel we can help in some way, please let us know.

Head Teachers Award

Congratulations to **Sam and Megan Bartlett** for organising a table top sale and raising £100 for the NHS.

Learning Certificates

Henry Y2 – for inspiring both teachers and children with his artwork

Freddie Y2- for producing a wonderful song with a beatbox accompaniment



Headteacher: Louise Williams

Chair of Governors: Paul Clifford

School Business Manager: Ruth Pangu

If you have any achievements we can celebrate during this time, please let us know as we would love to share them with you. Please just email the school office.

Happy 'June' Birthday

We would like to say a '*happy birthday*' to the following children (please let us know if we have missed anyone!)

Arthur, Ernie and Redford.

Rainbow cards

It has been lovely to receive thankyou's for the rainbow cards we sent before half term and the following is a thank you from Margaret Forey to the children:

To the children of Kirtlington School

My husband said, 'Now what is that?
An envelope upon the mat,
I cannot recognise the writing,
I hope it's something quite exciting'
(of letters we are both desirous).
I put on gloves against the virus
And picked the letter from the ground.
You know already what I found-
A rainbow from the village school
Made just for us-that's really cool!
And kind enquiries, asking how
We're feeling, since we're housebound now.
So thank you all. We're both quite well
And cheerful too, as you can tell,
Although we miss our family,
We've learnt to Zoom, so you can see
All clouds have a silver lining,
And so we should not be repining
Or have a grumpy attitude.
Our next door neighbour brings us food:
This is an opportunity to find
How many folk are really kind-
Including you, and so we say
God bless you, this and every day.

Dates for your diary

Friday 3rd July- INSET

Friday 10th July- Annual reports to parents

Friday 17th July- Year 6 Leaver's service 10am
-School finishes 1.30pm



Monday 20th July -INSET
Tuesday 21st July- INSET

Surveys

Thank you to everyone who was able to return a survey before half term. A link for the results is below.

1. Parent Online Home Learning Survey May 2020

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/AnalysisPage.aspx?id=qsxgfWljZUiHROQH-YJJJdmfyL5GPrZMgKnIEDtwIrlUNkpPR0xaUFFZM0ZRSFg3R1hXOTI4OTZPRC4u&AnalyzerToken=vnAgqrkh4vXZK9nP7IaFwvKN9Zk3W7qV>

2. Pupil Home Learning Survey

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/AnalysisPage.aspx?id=qsxgfWljZUiHROQH-YJJJdmfyL5GPrZMgKnIEDtwIrlUQzFUUTcwSjdPQzY2TzIT1M2TEYyVTNIRS4u&AnalyzerToken=vlaIQLc1frCnI8WtFGnXRB3BX8rpJGji>

Free School Meals

Should your circumstances change over the next few weeks or months, please see this link for further support. <http://schools.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/free-school-meals>

Church Team

Thank you to Paul for providing us with a wonderful virtual collective worship this week. We are grateful to the team for supporting us all during this time.

Support for mental health

In these uncertain times if you feel you may need some additional support or your children do, a 24/7 mental health helpline has been launched in Oxfordshire. This round-the-clock helpline makes it easier and quicker to get the right advice you might need for your own or others mental health. This service operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week and temporarily takes pressure off 111 for people who need mental health care when their situation is not life threatening. The phone numbers and further information can be found at

<https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/news/24-7-mental-health-helpline-replaces-111-in-oxfordshire-and-buckinghamshire/>

Further support is available at:

Young Minds <http://www.youngminds.org.uk> - Information on child and adolescent mental health. Services for parents and professionals. Phone: Parents helpline 0808 802 5544 (Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 4pm).

ChildLine is a free, private and confidential service where you can talk about anything. You can get help and advice about a wide range of issues and talk to a counsellor online or on the phone from 9am – midnight. Helpline 0800 1111.



<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/contacting-childline/>

For information and support for parents/carers on keeping children safe and developing their understanding of respectful online relationships amid increased online activity, visit the following websites:

- [Anti-Bullying Alliance](#)
- [Internetmatters.org](#)
- [Kidscape](#)
- [National Bullying Helpline](#)
- [NSPCC](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

For young people on keeping safe amid increased online activity, visit the following websites:

- [Anti-Bullying Alliance](#)
- [CEOP Thinkuknow](#)
- [Childline](#)
- [Kidscape](#)
- UK Safer Internet Centre [3-11yrs](#)

School Office

Just a reminder if you want to contact school or individual teachers you can do this via email at office.3500@kirtlington.oxon.sch.uk The office email account is managed throughout the day, and emails can be forwarded on to teachers.

As always, thank you for your patience and understanding during this difficult time. I am immensely proud of how our school community has supported each other over the last few months and would like to thank you all for your ongoing support.

Stay safe,

Miss Williams and the team

