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Dear Parents,

We hope you are all keeping safe and well. Last week, was another great week in school with the children working really hard and showing a positive growth mindset towards their learning. This week, we are looking forward to meeting you at parent evenings although it will be a very different experience meeting with you virtually! Attached with this newsletter, will be some information about how to access the meeting. We hope the meetings go without too many IT difficulties and thank you in advance for supporting us with this.

Well Being Friday events

Our last well-being Friday afternoon saw the children enjoying a range of well-being lessons such as yoga, mindfulness and art activities. One of our younger children said, "this is the best afternoon ever!" so we will continue to make this a regular feature during the school year.

Class attendance award

We will be announcing our class attendance award for term 1 shortly. To date, our attendance for term 1 is 95.94%. The attendance target set for all schools is 97%.

Rowan class- 97.96%

Willow class- 93.26%

Oak class- 95.42%

Well done to all of the children in Year 1 in Rowan class who scored the highest year group attendance rate for term 1- 98.23%. All of the children will receive house points for their house group as a reward.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 20th October- Parent consultation evenings

Thursday 22nd October- Parent consultation evenings

Friday 23rd October – Last day of term

Monday 2nd November– First day of term

Thursday 12th November – Whole school nasal spray flu vaccinations

Friday 18th December – Last day of term 1.30pm



Headteacher: Louise Williams

Chair of Governors: Paul Clifford

School Business Manager: Ruth Pangu

Royal British Legion poppy appeal

This week, the Royal British Legion merchandise will be available to purchase at the start of the day. There will be a different collection box per class but you will need to sanitise your hands before making a purchase. Items 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.

Timetable changes for next term

From next term, Oak class will have PE on Wednesday afternoons and Willow class will have PE on Tuesday afternoons.

Please can Willow class continue to have their outdoor learning clothes in school on Fridays.

Parents Online Safety training

123ICT, our ICT providers, are pleased to be able to support their contract schools by offering another opportunity for parents to attend a FREE virtual parents Online Safety workshop on Wednesday 18th November 8-9pm. This is open to all parents and anyone interested should sign up by visiting <http://123parents.oxon.in> where there is a link to book a FREE place via Eventbrite. Places are limited, as this session will be delivered using Zoom.

The session will cover:

- * The risks of using the internet.
- * Tips and suggestions on how to reduce these risks to keep your children safe online.
- * Signposting to further resources and information.
- * Advice on how to get help if things go wrong.
- * Tips for remote learning and remote video lessons.
- * The chance to ask questions.

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>

Breakfast club leader vacancy

Please speak to Mrs Pangu, our school business manager, if you would like more information regarding this role.

After School clubs

Information has now been sent home regarding the after school sport clubs. There will be some changes to the clubs such as restrictions on numbers, maintaining children in class bubbles and booking entire sessions rather than part sessions. All club providers will adhere to DFE guidance and system of controls and have thorough risk assessments in place.

	Day	Time
Sports Club	Tuesday	3-5pm
Sports Club	Wednesday	3-5pm
Art club	Thursday	3-4.15pm (details to follow)



School tuck shop

At the moment, the tuck shop is not available so please remember to provide your child with a healthy snack/ fruit for morning break.

Children in reception and key stage 1 will be provided with a piece of fruit but you are welcome to provide them with extra fruit or a healthy snack from home as well.

Morning procedures

We continue to be very pleased with the success of our morning procedures and the sensible manner with which the children have adapted to the new system. Please remember to arrive as close to your allocated drop off time as possible and to be aware of members of the community, other children or parents who may need access to the pavement.

Please continue to socially distance and to keep both yourself and our school community safe.

If you have a message for a class teacher, please leave it with Mrs Pangu, our school business manager in the morning or email the school office at office.3500@kirtlington.oxon.sch.uk

We **strongly** encourage everyone to use the village hall car park in the mornings and after school and not the pub car park.

Covid

Please remember to not come into school if your child has [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#) or has tested positive in at least the last 10 days. If anyone develops these symptoms during the school day they will be sent home. If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home and advised to follow [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#), which sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should [arrange to have a test](#) to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). If your child tests positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develops symptoms during the isolation period, they should restart the 10-day isolation period from the day they develop symptoms. Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

School uniform

Please ensure that your child comes to school with a waterproof coat (and hood) at all times and if your child is in Rowan class, please make sure they have waterproof trousers in school so that they can take part in outdoor learning opportunities. All children should now have a pair of wellington boots in school.

Kirtlington School Friends

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the AGM recently. It was lovely to welcome new parents to the committee and we look forward to being able to share some new fundraising ideas with you soon.

Garden working party

Thank you to Mrs Allison and family and Liz Bailey for volunteering their time to lovingly restore our allotment and pond area over the weekend. It is now ready for our new eco group to plant items for the coming year.



Applying to start primary school for the first time.

Children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 (inclusive) need to apply for a primary school place for their children.

How to apply:

From 1 November 2020 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 2021

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

Parents and carers of children in year 6 need to begin the process of applying for a secondary school place for September 2021. The deadline for receipt of Secondary School applications is Thursday 31st October 2019. Further information and applying on line can be found at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-schoolplace/secondary-school>

Wishing you all an enjoyable half term for next week,

Stay safe,

Miss Williams and the team

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](#)

Safeguarding

If you have urgent concerns about a child, please call 999. For other concerns, please contact the MASH team on 0345 050 7666

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/business/information-providers/multi-agency-safeguarding-hub>

