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School value: Individuality
Christian value: Respect

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Dear Parents,

What a wonderful way to start the term! Today, we were able to hold our first whole school celebration assembly, socially distanced in the playground. If the sun continues to shine, we hope we can have many more occasions this term where we can be together safely, outside, as a school family.



We are still at the very start of our 'return to school' roadmap and whilst the children were able to become familiar with safety routines, school expectations and learning intentions before Easter, we recognise that some children may still feel anxious about parts of school life, including friendships. This term, we will continue to embed our Zones of Regulation work and develop our wellbeing Fridays to continue to support all children but please let your child's teacher know if there is anything your child is finding difficult by messaging the school office.

The Public Health England message to all schools remains the same and there has been no changes to the DFE system of controls for schools. Whilst nationally, the *social contact* rules have changed, social distancing remains in place.

Please continue to support us by:

- only **one** parent should accompany their child to school,
- that **all** parents follow the **one-way system** and **do not** gather at the entrance gates/by the wall after arrival/pick up
- that the pavement closest to school is left free for access to ensure we are all able to follow the 2m social distancing guidance.
- all morning messages to be left with Mrs Pangu or emailed to the school office
- avoid sharing a car with anyone outside of your household or support bubble



Headteacher: Louise Williams

Chair of Governors: Paul Clifford

School Business Manager: Ruth Pangu

Arrival times:	Collection times:
Oak class -8.35am	3.00pm
Willow class -8.45am	3.05pm
Rowan class - 8.50am	3.10pm

Kindness certificates

This term we will be continuing to promote acts of kindness across the school as part of our 'return to school' programme. Congratulations go to the following children for gaining a kindness certificate this week:

James, Lucy, Lewis, Henry, Isabelle and Leon.

Easter service

We are adding the finishing touches to the Easter assembly video which we will share with you via the school website as soon as possible.

When you receive the password for the videos, please go to the school website, select the last tab on the home page named **Links** and then select Easter videos on the school links list. Please remember this is for your own personal use only and should not be shared. To comply with GDPR requirements we can confirm that the lawful basis for making and sharing these videos are that they comply with the elements of legitimate interest.

Breakfast club/after school care

We are delighted that more of you have enquired this week about the High Flyers breakfast/afterschool club again. In the last survey, there was a very low response so we were unable to proceed. I am currently in discussions with the new providers again, and we have agreed to run the survey for another two weeks. Whilst we understand not all companies and workplaces know what their road map out of the covid restrictions will look like, we need to be able to secure this provision so that we can begin the process of implementation and recruitment so that we are able to offer this provision from September. Please return the form to the school office by 30 April. There is no need to return a form if you have previously completed one. Many thanks.

Website: www.highflyers.org.uk.

Dates for your diary

Friday 30 th April 2021	- Class letters
Friday 28 th May	- End of term
Monday 7 th June	- INSET
Tuesday 8 th June	- School begins
Wednesday 21 st July	- End of term (1.30pm)

Message from Oxfordshire Safeguarding Board

This week, we have received further information from the Safeguarding team regarding the significant dangers associated with Tik Tok. This alarming information was alerted to them by secondary pupils but we are passing this information onto you so that you can be vigilant in monitoring your children's online sites.

Reading books

We will be operating the same system for reading books again this term. Your child will be issued with a reading book shortly and more information on this will be in the class letters next week.



KSF news

Thank you to the KSF committee for organising the Easter Trail during the Easter break. We hope everyone that was able to attend had an enjoyable time.



Your children will be bringing home a sunflower kit today for a growing competition. At the end of the summer term please take a measurement of the height of the sunflowers so that we can find the overall winner! Please see the PTA Events website for more information.

Summer is nearly here!

During the summer term, please can you make sure that your child comes to school with sun cream already applied, a named water bottle, and a sun hat (preferably plain red with no logo).

In addition to this, children will still need to have a waterproof coat, outdoor trainers and wellington boots in school every day to wear for outdoor play/outdoor learning activities. Thank you.

Morning snacks

Please remember to provide your child with a **healthy snack/ fruit** for morning break. In line with our school policy, crisps, biscuits and chocolate are not allowed as morning snacks. 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 if you wish.

In order to continue to reduce transmission of infection and because of individual allergies, please remember not to provide your child with birthday sweets etc for the class. Many thanks.

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>

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/>

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>

Wishing you all an enjoyable and safe weekend,

Miss Williams and the team

Some photos from the easter competition:

