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School value: Individuality
Christian value: Respect

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Dear Parents,

We were so lucky to be able to celebrate May Day in the sunshine last week. The children looked very smart in their May Day clothes and it was lovely to be able to enjoy the occasion safely, outside as a whole school family. We missed sharing the event with you, but we hope you will enjoy the video which is now on the school website.



Kindness certificates

This term we are 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 last week:

Holly O, Holly C, Jack, Harvey, Lucas, Leo and George T.

Staffing news

We will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs England, Rowan class teaching assistant and ELSA at half term. Mrs England has inspired many of the children over the last five years and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and wish her well as she enjoys some time with her family.

We will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Pangu, our school business manager at the end of the summer term. Mrs Pangu has managed the school office to an incredibly high standard over the last two and a half years and has been a highly valued member of the school leadership team. We wish her and her family well for the future.



Headteacher: Louise Williams

Chair of Governors: Kevin Allison

School Business Manager: Ruth Pangu

Easter service

The Easter assembly video is ready for you to view on the school website. We will send the password for the video by email. 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

Thank you to those parents who have returned surveys or emailed support for the breakfast club/after school care. We are extremely hopeful that High Flyers will be our wrap around care provider in September. We will keep you updated on its progress.

Dates for your diary

Friday 28 th May	- End of term
Monday 7 th June	- INSET
Tuesday 8 th June	- School begins
Thursday 17 th June	- Class photos
Thursday 24 th June	- Oak Class trip (further information to follow)
Wednesday 21 st July	- End of term (1.30pm)

Thank you!

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Barry Grinham for donating some sports equipment to the school - the children have been using the equipment today as part of our wellbeing Friday activities.

If you are interested, Barry runs a keep fit class on Saturday mornings at 9am.

<https://www.facebook.com/bazzashealthandwellbeing/>

Summer term clothing

During the summer term, please can you make sure that your child comes to school with a **waterproof coat** every day- the summer weather can be unpredictable and due to our system of controls, there are times when children will be completing outside learning activities.

On sunnier days, please make sure your child comes to school with sun cream already applied, a named water bottle, and a sun hat (preferably plain red with no logo).

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.

Community News

Request from Oxfordshire fire & rescue service road safety team

We want to continue to improve the safety of child pedestrians and so we are reviewing the advice and guidance we provide.

If you are a parent / carer of primary school aged children, please provide us with your feedback by answering the questions in this survey. We would be grateful if you would encourage other parents / carers you know to complete the online questionnaire. The survey should take around 10 minutes to complete and the feedback we receive will guide our future Road Safety work.



To take part in the survey please visit <https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/Footsteps/consultationHome>
The survey will remain open until 30th July 2021.
Thank you from the Road Safety Team.

Waterperry Opera Festival

Waterperry Opera Festival presents a relaxed, family-friendly production of Humperdinck's Hansel & Gretel, perfect for families (aimed at children 7+), whether regular theatre-goers or those attending an opera performance for the first time.

This inclusive outdoor production of Hansel and Gretel, lasting an hour, integrates British Sign Language into the staging and storytelling. Prior to the performances, there will be a free signed singing/props-making workshop exploring themes & characters from the opera.

Performing on the 19th, 20th & 21st August at 2pm and 5pm for more information on this exciting show click here – <https://www.waterperryoperafestival.co.uk/hanselandgretel.html>

Waterperry Opera Festival presents an interactive family-friendly production of Prokofiev's Peter & the Wolf, that lasts 30 minutes, and is ideal for little ones aged 3+, experiencing an opera performance for the first time.

Peter and the Wolf will introduce children to classical instruments through vibrant storytelling, dance and spoken word. Performances will take place around the lily pond in the gardens at Waterperry, and immerse families in the beauty of nature.

Performing on the 13th at 11am, 14th and 15th at 11am and 1pm for more information on this exciting show click here – <https://www.waterperryoperafestival.co.uk/peterandthewolf.html>

Kirtlington Village Fete Saturday 17th July

This year, for the first time we are having an eco-friendly virtual balloon race as an extra and unique way of raising funds for the Fete.

Please check our website www.kirtlingtonfete.co.uk and follow the link to the balloon race for more details. We have linked the Fete to two races, the Coronation race on 2nd June (two weeks tomorrow) and the Tokyo Olympic race on 8th August. For the latter race we have obtained prize money of £175 for the first three balloons that have travelled the most distance, purchased through the Fete account from Park Farm in Kirtlington.

Each balloon can be purchased (cost £3) and is able to be tracked. Balloons can be named, decorated and have the amount of helium etc. adjusted if desired.

The Coronation race starts at 12noon on 2nd June departing from Westminster Abbey.

Mr Summerfield

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>

Best wishes,

Miss Williams and the team

Some photos from May Day



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