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Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a lovely half term break and were able to spend some quality time with family and friends. The children have returned to school, rested and ready to learn. The wonderful sunshine has meant we have been able to enjoy more outdoor learning again this week. Oak class started the week with a Battle of Hastings enactment, Rowan class have been enjoying working in their own outdoor area and Willow class have enjoyed learning about the Romans as part of their new history topic. On Thursday, we had a very exciting learning opportunity, and we would like to pass on our thanks to John and Doug from Chipping Norton Amateur Astronomy Group (CNAAG) for giving us a wonderful opportunity to see the partial solar eclipse. Most of the children were able to observe the moon crossing in front of the sun although there were a few cloudy moments!



Covid update

We hope to receive further guidance from DFE this term but in the meantime, in order to ensure the risk of transmission of infection is as reduced as possible, we will continue to follow the DFE and PHE advice and implement the system of controls to ensure that we are creating the safest environment for children and staff. This means we will continue to use face coverings, clean our hands thoroughly, have good respiratory hygiene, maintain enhanced cleaning, and minimise contact across the site and maintain social distancing wherever possible.

When an individual develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if:



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- they have one or more [COVID-19 symptoms](#)
- a member of their household (including someone in their [support bubble](#) or [childcare bubble](#) if they have one) has COVID-19 symptoms
- they are legally required to [quarantine, having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area](#)
- they have had a positive test
- have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19

Pupils, staff and other adults must immediately cease to attend and not attend for at least 10 days from the day after:

- the start of their symptoms
- the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive LFD or PCR test (if an LFD test is taken first, and a PCR test is then taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the LFD test and the pupil can return to school)

Anyone told to isolate by NHS Test and Trace or by their public health protection team has a legal obligation to self-isolate, but you may leave home to avoid injury or illness or to escape the risk of harm. More information can be found on [NHS Test and Trace: how it works](#).

If anyone in school develops a new and continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), we will:

- send them home to begin isolation - the isolation period includes the day the symptoms started and the next 10 full days
- advise them to follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#)
- advise them to [arrange to have a test](#) as soon as possible to see if they have COVID-19

Other members of their household (including any siblings and members of their support or childcare bubble if they have one) should self-isolate. Their isolation period includes the day symptoms started for the first person in their household, or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms, whether this was a [Lateral Flow Device \(LFD\) or Polymerase Chain Reaction \(PCR\) test](#), and the next 10 full days. It remains essential that anyone who gets a positive result from an LFD result self-isolates immediately, as must other members of their household, while they get a confirmatory PCR test.

If a member of the household starts to display symptoms while self-isolating they will need to restart the 10-day isolation period and book a test.

If anyone tests positive whilst not experiencing symptoms, but develops symptoms during the isolation period, they must restart the 10-day isolation period from the day they developed symptoms.

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 this week:

Eliza, Harry, Megan, George, William C, Holly O Y6.

Breakfast club/after school care Opening Tuesday 7th September 2021

We are extremely excited to confirm there will be breakfast /after school club provision at Kirtlington School from September. Please see the following message from Alison, High Flyers club director.



At High Flyers, we stimulate and inspire young minds through play, new experiences and having fun together, with children at the heart of everything we do. Providing high-quality breakfast, after-school, and holiday clubs for nearly 10 years within Oxfordshire, our OFSTED approved provision carefully combines the freedom of unstructured play, with the right mix of planned activities, for reception to year 6 children. High Flyers Oxford offers a no-guilt alternative to childcare, making parents lives simpler whilst ensuring their children have fun and a well-rounded experience, in a club where they feel that they belong. Encouraging teamwork, kindness and creative thinking to help all of our children become confident and happy 'High Flyers', supported by a team of dedicated and caring staff members, putting the children first, in everything that we do.

If you wish to book your child onto one of our clubs, please complete the online registration form on our booking system. As a registered provider we accept child care vouchers.

We will be open Tuesdays, Wednesday & Thursdays. Breakfasts from 8.00am and Afterschool until 6pm
You can easily register, book and pay online: <https://highflyersoxfordlimited.schoolipal.co.uk/>

FULL SESSION: £12.75 - Per Child (includes a light tea)

Contact Alison Ighani: highflyersclub@hotmail.co.uk or
Tel; 07766 290242

For our full prospectus go to our website <http://www.highflyers.org.uk>

Dates for your diary

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| Thursday 17 th June | - Class photos |
| Thursday 24 th June | - Oak Class trip (further information to follow) Class sports day in school grounds TBC |
| Friday 2 nd July | - Non school uniform day for the winning house group |
| Friday 16 th July | - Annual school reports to parents |
| Friday 16 th July, 10am | - Leavers' Service - TBC |
| Wednesday 21 st July | - End of term (1.30pm) |

Thank you

We would like to say thank you to Mrs Brinkworth, the Cole family and the Allison family for donating some plants and compost for our gardening area- it is looking lovely.
We would also like to thank Mr and Mrs Lloyd at the Milk Shed for another donation of hot chocolate for forest school.

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.

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 weekend,
Miss Williams and the team





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