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Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful third week back at school – let's hope this Indian Summer continues to warm us into the early weeks of autumn. The children all seem very happy and settled, enjoying break times together and whole school assemblies. Year six have their new reception buddies and look forward to spending time, supporting and helping welcome them into the Kirtlington School family. We have had a busy start to the term and already have a lot to celebrate.

Harvest festival

The harvest festival was a huge success! The children worked very hard to practise the songs, presentations and readings. It was a joy to be back in church with parents and the wider church community. Thank you to all the staff that worked so hard to create such a special experience in the first (very busy) couple of weeks in the new year. A huge thanks to parents for their donations for Bicester food bank.

Forest School

Mrs Meager ran the first forest school of the term. I was fortunate to be able to join the children and what fun we had! Climbing, running, hiding, exploring, and using tools to make wooden crafts.

ECO Council and School Council

Children prepared and presented speeches, videos, PowerPoint presentations and posters. Each class took a democratic vote for their new members.

Congratulations to the following children for ECO council

Rowan class: Tom Burgess and Demelza Dougall

Willow Class: Hollie Lloyd and Ned Davies

Oak Class: Henry Willcock, William Crossley and Holly Cole



Congratulations to the following children for school council

Rowan Class: Lola Napier and Shakira Trinder

Willow Class: Isabel Allison and Lewis De Burca

Oak Class: George Crossley, Adam Brady and Dotty Dartnall

Sports Leaders:

James Allison and Holly Cole

House Captains:

Sapphire – William Langrish

Ruby – Rowan Beesley

Diamond – Ayla Mansell

Emerald – Alex Grebot

We look forward to holding regular meetings, making a difference, and reporting back to the school and wider community!

Great Big Green Week

This week each class enjoyed a visit to the orchard to celebrate Great Big Green Week! Thank you to all those involved in the community orchard, particularly Mrs Willcock, Mrs Hawkesworth and the BBOWT (Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust). A further special thanks for the 'Two Eds', who led the sessions. Two Eds are definitely better than one (their 'joke', sorry).

Reception Curriculum Evening

Please note that there is a presentation from Miss Grocutt and Mrs Baker to reflect and inform on the changes to the new reception curriculum, on Wednesday 29th September. Information has been sent to parents, if you have not received it then please ask the office for details. It will take place between 6pm and 7pm.

Marlborough Open Days

Marlborough are hosting two open days next week on Tuesday 28th September at 9.00am – 10.30am, and Thursday 30th October at 9.00am – 10.30am. Parents have received information about these days but if you need any more information, then please contact Mr Protherough.

Macmillan Cake Sale Friday 24th September

Thank you to year 6 for running the stall and for all for your cake donations – we will let you know how much money we have raised in due course.

Flu Vaccinations Update

We were due to have our flu vaccinations on Wednesday 6th October. This has now been cancelled due to the demand to vaccinate children in a secondary school setting. We will update you on a new date for our vaccinations when we receive one.



Pets as Therapy – Reading Dog

Hamish came to visit last Friday and listened to children read in Willow class. He also joined us for celebration assembly. The children loved his company and he brought with him a wonderful air of calmness.

New Flooring in Rowan Class

On Thursday 30th September – Friday 1st October we are happy to inform you that we are getting a new floor laid in Rowan Class. The children will be taught in the hall – so please drop your child off at the double doors, at the entrance to the hall.

Class newsletters

We hope you have now received our class letters and curriculum maps. Unfortunately, there was an error in our computer system that stopped some of you from receiving our emails. This has just been fixed and you should receive a backlog of all of our communications. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

NEW Home Reading Booklets

Please refer to your class letter for information on our new Reading Booklets. You will find information on where there is a list of comprehension questions to use – mirroring those used in school, and a new reading celebration scheme. The records are divided up into weeks to record – today should mark the end of week three.

Please take some time to look through the booklet to see all the exciting opportunities to reflect and celebrate on reading.

School Pantomime Trip

We are excited to announce that Mr Protherough and the team have organised a trip to the Oxford Playhouse on 10.12.2021 to see Robin Hood. More details will follow next week...

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 and After School Club

A new wrap around care provision has been put in place using High Flyers (see email 14.06.2021). Please refer to the flyer sent out. If you require more information or another copy, please contact the office. Or go to: www.highflyers.org.uk



Staffing update

We are sorry to announce that Mrs Alison Dodsworth has left and we wish to thank her for all her great work. We are currently in the process of recruiting a new Office Administrator.

From myself and the rest of the team, we look forward to an exciting and successful year ahead.

Yours Sincerely

Joy Baker

Head Teacher

