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Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of our first term and what a busy one it has been! The children settled back into school life and have been enjoying playtimes, collective worships and lunchtimes together. It has been wonderful to see how happy and confident they all are.

Year 6 Residential Trip to Yenworthy, North Devon

As I write, year 6 are returning from an amazing, active week in North Devon. They have climbed rocks and waterfalls, surfed in the sea, been on amazing night walks, enjoyed orienteering and much more! Thank you to Mrs Langrish and Mr Protherough for giving up their time to take them.



Open Day

We welcomed many prospective parents (and their children) to the school last Saturday. It was wonderful to see many people who enjoyed coffee and cake followed by a short presentation. They enjoyed a tour of the school and grounds and finished the visit by visiting our amazing forest school grounds. Thank you to all who visited and to governors and staff for help during the morning. Our next open morning is on Tuesday 9th November from 10am-12pm.



Composting Assembly

On 14th October we warmly welcomed Mike and Jill Langrish to the school to deliver an assembly about composting. The children learned about the importance of composting and what could and couldn't be composted. I never realised that paper bags (torn up) could go into the compost bin! The assembly was fascinating and extremely interactive for the children. Mike and Jill will be returning after half term to deliver class sessions about composting. Please save any large plastic bottles which will be used for the sessions.



Sports Leader Course

We have close links with a PE Coach and students at Marlborough School. Last week they visited Oak Class where children learned to focus on skills, teamwork, fair play and rules. Later this year, children will have the opportunity to attend a range of sports courses at Marlborough School.



Forest School

Year 4 and 5 enjoyed Friday afternoons at forest school with Mrs Meager this term. They have made tips, enjoyed toasting marshmallows on a camp fire, used tools to make wooden games and today they had a fantastic Halloween hunt and took part in apple carving. Next term, Year 2 and 3 will go to forest school.



Christmas Cards

Your child will be coming home today with a photocopy of a lovely Christmas card they have made. Orders of these cards support our fundraising. To order go to www.apfsorders.co.uk and enter the unique code on the back of the design. Thank you as always for your support.

School Dinners

School dinners for next term are now on ParentPay. Please could you place your orders before the start of term on Monday 1st November.

New Office Administrator

I would like to welcome Nicola Allison, our new office administrator, whom you will all know very well indeed. Nicola started on Monday and has made a great start.

Pets as Therapy – Reading Dog

Hamish came to visit today and listened to children read in Rowan class. Once again, the children loved his company and enjoyed reading to Hamish.

New Facebook Page Reminder

Keep liking and sharing so that we can continue share the good news and achievements from our wonderful children and school. <https://www.facebook.com/Kirtlington-CE-Primary-School-103702855403042/>

School Pantomime Trip

We are looking forward to seeing Robin Hood at the pantomime on Wednesday 8th December 2021. If you haven't yet paid you will be able to do so through Parent Pay.

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

Remember if you require wrap around care provision, please contact High Flyers. www.highflyers.org.uk

Dates and reminders

4 th November 2021:	Order deadline for Christmas Cards
11 th November 2021:	Remembrance reflection at the village memorial: 10.45-11.10am
12 th November 2021:	Class photos
19 th November 2021:	Children in Need
8 th December 2021:	Christmas Pantomime: 10am
10 th December 2021:	Christmas Fayre: (time and venue TBC)
15 th December 2021:	Christmas Carol Service: St Mary the Virgin Church – from 6pm



From myself and the rest of the team, we hope you have a wonderful half term holiday.

Joy Baker
Interim Headteacher

