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School Christian Value: Love

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Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of week four and the children continue to be extremely busy with their learning both indoors and outdoors.

### Freshwater Habitats Trust

On Wednesday this week we were visited by Francesca from The Freshwater Habitat's Trust. Children from Willow and Oak class found out about pollution in our local rivers, canals and ponds. The children were able to test the water for phosphate and nitrate and the results were surprising! The pond water from the village pond was also tested and we are pleased to report that it has no pollution!



### Forest School

Reception children have been enjoying forest school each Friday afternoon. They have been making bird feeders and digging shelters for their dinosaurs! Today they will do some bird spotting ahead of the RSPBs Big Garden Birdwatch this weekend.



## **ECO Council**

ECO council are working towards the Green Flag Award by completing an ECO audit. Children have been checking recycling bins around the school to make sure we are doing it properly! We have new recycling bins in and around the school. They are also checking our foods and discovering more about Fair Trade.

## **School Council**

The School Council met this week and decided it would be nice to do some fundraising for the charity 'Asylum Welcome' which is the charity the school has decided to support this year. With Valentine's Day coming up and our school value being 'love', it was decided that it would be nice to do some fundraising around Valentine's Day and 'love' as one of the children said, 'We should be loving the asylum seekers'.

## **Non-uniform (Wear the clothes you love day)**

The council decided that the whole school will have a 'Wear the clothes you love day' on Monday 14 February. Children will be asked to bring in a £1 donation so that they can wear the clothes they want.

## **Buy Valentine's Cards**

The council also suggested that we could make Valentine's cards which the children could 'buy' with a small donation on Friday 11 February. They suggested we had a donations box in each class.

## **Loose Change please**

The council also thought that we could draw a heart that could be filled with loose change, just like we did for Pudsey Bear and Children in Need. So please could you send in any loose change you have on Friday 11 February.

## **Drawing Competition**

Finally, the council also thought it would be nice to hold a, 'Draw what love is,' competition which would have a minimum entry of 20p. All donations will be collected in and passed on Asylum Welcome to support their important work.

## **Changes to Collective Worship**

This term we have changed the format of our school Collective Worship sessions and the school council were asked to find out from their classes what children like about the new Collective Worship and what suggestions they have about how we could improve it. The council members will report back their findings, at the next meeting, next week.

## **RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch**

Big Garden Birdwatch long weekend is here! between Friday 28 and Sunday 30 January. Children in the school have been making bird feeders today – please pop your feeder in the fridge to go hard until tomorrow and then you can hang it outside for the birds to enjoy. Oak class



spent time at the quarry counting the birds. A great way to keep an eye on our local wildlife. Why don't you see how many different birds you can spot this weekend!



### Successful learners, Star Writers and Headteacher's Award

Last week certificates were awarded as follows:

Successful learners: Kazaih (Y1), Harry (Y2), Naomi (Y2), Freddie P (Y4), Jack (Y5)

Star writers: Kip (Y1), Hollie (Y3), Henry (Y4)

Headteacher's award: Zach (Y4)

This week certificates were awarded as follows:

Successful learners: Jacob (Y1), Finlay (Y3), Charlotte (Y2), Alyssa Y4), James (Y6)

Star writers: Effi (Reception), Freddie, Jojo

Headteacher's award: Emily (Y2)

Diamond House have been the House Cup winners for two weeks in a row now!



### National Handwriting Day

Monday was National Handwriting Day and we asked the children to write a prayer or some words that summed up our school values in their best handwriting. Each class teacher and Mrs Baker chose the best from their class and today we awarded certificates to:

Jonah – Rowan Class

Ned – Willow Class

Freddie – Oak Class

Well done to everyone who took part.

### Facebook Page

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/>



## 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](http://www.highflyers.org.uk)

## Dates and reminders

28 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> January	Big Garden Bird Watch
31 <sup>st</sup> January	National Storytelling Week
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Chinese New Year
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Hamish the reading dog visiting Willow Class
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Hamish the reading dog visiting Oak Class
7-11 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Rowan Class Trip to the Oxford Bus Museum
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Wear the clothes you love day – for Asylum Welcome
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Random Acts of Kindness Week
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Woodstock PE Partnership Sports Hall Athletics for Years 5 and 6
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Term 2 finishes at 3pm
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Term 3 starts at 8:40am (gates open 8:35am)

You can find more diary dates on our school website.

Wishing you all a peaceful, relaxing and happy weekend. Happy bird spotting!

Joy Baker  
Headteacher

