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School Christian Value: Respect

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Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you have all had a good week. After three weeks back the children have been enjoying many activities and some new initiatives introduced this term.

### **Astronomy Evening**

Children, parents, and carers enjoyed an evening of astronomy with Chipping Norton Amateur Astronomy Group. We were able to view the moon clearly through impressive telescopes and learned about star constellations.



### **Cotswold Wildlife Park**

Oak class had a great day at Cotswold Wildlife Park, visiting the animals. They attended an informative workshop on life cycles and family units. They all enjoyed an ice-cream at the end of the day.



### **Ukraine Appeal**

A huge thank you to all that have donated supplies for the Ukraine appeal. Our foyer was almost full from floor to ceiling. The donations have been transported to a unit in Carterton and Kidlington. They will be sent to Ukraine by truck and aeroplane (Hercules from Brize Norton). Thank you so much to Patrick Carroll, a grandparent from the school, for delivering all of the donations.



## British Science Week

Children across the school have been taking part in science investigations. The theme for British Science week is growth and some of the activities have involved investigations for growth. Oak class are preparing for 'The Big Science' competition and investigating their own scientific questions!



## Hedgerow Planting

We were very lucky to be invited as a whole school to plant a new hedgerow at Kirtlington Orchard. Each child was given a hawthorn sapling to plant. We found out all about the importance of hedgerows from BBOWT – Berkshire, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust, in an informative assembly. Thank you to Rosie Willcock and her team.



## Comic Relief

Children wore something red to school, donated cakes, made a habitat for their red nose animal and took part in a talent contest and quiz. We have seen some amazing talents and had a wonderful day whilst raising funds for charity. You still have time to make a donation.

## Sports Clubs

Ignite Sport have started running multisport sessions on a Monday afternoon with Willow and Oak Class. The children are thoroughly enjoying this. In addition to this, Ignite are delivering an after school club for children on Mondays until 4.15pm. After Easter, Oxford Hawkes Hockey



Club will be delivering sessions on Friday afternoons for all children, as well as an after school club.

### **Create Club**

Children are thoroughly enjoying our art club on Thursdays after school with Hayley Gerrish. They are creating work in the style of famous artists.

### **Governor Visits**

Two governors have visited the school recently, Zoe Cumming to look at the wonderful teaching and learning in the outdoor area of Rowan class and Paul Atkins to find out all about our teaching of science and the progression from reception through to year 6. Both governors were very complimentary about the good practice and enthusiasm of children and staff.

### **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/>

### **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**

23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents Evening – 5-7pm
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening – 3:30-6pm
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Preschool Easter Bazaar
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Willow Class trip to Farmer Gow's
1 <sup>st</sup> April	KSF Egg Hunt with uniform and cake sale after school
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter service and concert at St Mary's Church 9.30am
8 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Egg decorating competition
8 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Term ends at 1:30pm</b>

You can find more diary dates on our school website.

Wishing you all a sunny and happy weekend!

Joy Baker  
Headteacher

