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School Christian Value: Love

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Dear parents and carers,

As we reach the end our first week back at school, we remember Queen Elizabeth II whom sadly passed away yesterday. We were lucky to celebrate her Jubilee back in the summer term and the children all received a beautiful book about her. Over the coming week we will honour her life and long distinguished service she gave to our country. The Church team are holding a short reflection service this evening at 7pm and a more formal service on Sunday at 10am if you would like to attend at St Mary's Church in Kirtlington.

We welcomed all the children into school on Tuesday with the 'red-carpet' treatment! Bubbles, bunting and balloons brought a smile to everybody's face as they entered our new, shiny, gates. The children all settled back in extremely well, including our new reception children. I popped into all classrooms on several occasions and there was a wonderful calmness in the whole school. The teachers planned some exciting activities to welcome the children back.

Our classrooms have had a revamp!

New reading areas have been established in each of the classrooms, with comfortable seating. Lamps replace harsh lighting and displays are naturally backed.

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Wall of Wonder and Shelves of Curiosity

We have a new Wall of Wonder!
These shelves are packed with interesting objects that belong to an age where the answer to not knowing something was to think (and wonder) rather than reaching for the internet. We hope to change the objects from time to time so, if you have any strange and interesting objects, we will happily display them to get the children 'wondering'. We have questions for the children to think about and opportunities for them to ask their own questions.

Willow Class have a Shelf of Curiosities that serves the same purpose. We hope that in time all of this will inspire story writing, drama and perhaps stimulate new interests. We are particularly interested in some other weird and wonderful objects such as old fossils, animal skeletons and cultural artefacts.

Class Letters and Yearly Topic Overviews
Class letters will go out next week and yearly curriculum overviews will be added to the school website.

Dates for the diary – Term 1

Mon 12th September	Multi-sports for Y1-6 starts
Tues 13th September	iRock music sessions start
Thurs 15th September	Create Club starts
Fri 16th September	Hockey Club start
Tues 27th September	KSF AGM
Fri 30th September	Harvest Festival at the Church (1:30pm)
Fri 7th October	KSF non-uniform day
Sat 8th October	KSF Bingo night
Mon 10th October	Parents Evening – times to be confirmed
Tues 11th October	Hinduism workshops
Thurs 13th October	Parents Evening – times to be confirmed
Thurs 20th October	**Term ends – 3pm**
Fri 21st October	INSET day
Mon 31st October	**Term starts – 8:40am**

More dates can be found on our website.

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Safeguarding our Children
High Flyers have had to change their combination code to the gate lock due to children finding out the code. An email has been issued to parents by High flyers. Please support us in keeping our children safe and do not reveal the code to your child.

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
If you require wrap around care provision, please contact High Flyers. Monday and half sessions are now available. High Flyers are also looking for a extra person to help out on occasion. If you would be interest in this role, please contact Allie. www.highflyers.org.uk.

I wish you all a restful weekend and as always, thank you for your continued support.

Joy Baker
Headteacher

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