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School Christian Value: Respect

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Dear Parents,

We are in full swing of the new half term and children are enjoying all the activities and events carefully planned by their teachers.

Remembrance Service

Children visited the memorial in the village today and a one minute silence was observed at 11am, the exact time when the fighting ceased during World War I to commemorate Remembrance day. Children from Oak Class remembered those from the local community who lost their lives during the war. They carefully placed a cross for each person at the memorial.The children's behaviour was exemplary where respect and service was demonstrated throughout.

National Outdoor Classroom Day

We thoroughly promote active learning and take many lessons outside. On National Outdoor Classroom Day we spent the whole day outside. Lessons included maths, science, and English. The children were even able to explore a tractor that visited for the morning.

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Forest School

Children in year 2 enjoyed the afternoon at forest school. They decorated wooden pieces with poppies for Remembrance. They then drilled holes using a manual drill so that they could proudly display their designs. They also enjoyed some problem solving activities.

Bake Sales

Oak and Willow class have had successful bake sales kindly organised by KSF. Funds have been raised for the classes to purchase new resources for the children. Thank you to all of the willing bakers and purchasers for supporting us. Rowan class bake sale will be held soon.

News from Rowan Class

Rowan Class enjoyed an autumnal outdoor learning day. They took part in maths, English and science activities outside. Year 1 children have been planning and writing their own version of Jack and the Beanstalk with new characters and a new setting. The children made collage poppies and learnt about the significant of Remembrance Day. In PE we have been busy practising our jumping and landing skills. The children have also been finding out about what life was like in the 1950s compared to today, including what toys and games people had, what houses looked like, what shopping was like and what jobs people had.

News from Willow Class

Over the last couple of weeks, Willow Class have been working on adventure stories in English. They have looked at the features of adventure stories particularly a short story called, 'Kidnapped', and they are now planning and drafting their own stories using the example of 'Kidnapped' to help them. We are seeing some lovely writing and looking forward to their finished stories.

The year 3s also wrote Remembrance Poems on Friday afternoon, whilst the year 2s were in the forest. They were really interested in discussing WW1 and WW2 and understood the sacrifice of the soldiers which resulted in some stunning poems.

For, 'Global Outdoor Day,' last week, we enjoyed taking all our lessons outside including spelling, Maths, English and drawing timelines on the playground for our history topic and following a Christmas trail around the outside area for the Christmas Story in RE.

For, 'Science Day,' on Thursday, we learnt the terms, 'Transparent, Translucent and Opaque' using a torch to see if we could see the light through the objects. This fits in with our current Science topic on Materials and their Properties.

News from Oak Class

Oak have had a wonderful start to the term. We have been building our scientific knowledge to learn about eclipses (both solar and lunar), by reflecting on the solar eclipse that occured over the half term - using the opportunity to create really detailed scientific diagrams to show how what causes them. For world science day, we started a special investigation into gravity and how it effects the world around us. In English, we have started to use our knowledge of roller coasters

and theme parks to plan and draft an information text. We are learning all about the features of good non-fiction writing and how to find and use research. In week three we will continue drafting our reports. Additionally, we have had some amazing time in the forest - writing poetry about autumn, which we will now add to with a verse about bonfire night, taking inspiration from the Kirtlington fireworks. In maths we are still working on formal methods of multiplication and division that will help us on our next step into fractions. For a special maths week, we will be in the forest and school grounds: calculating and estimating the heights and ages of trees. We will then use this as an opportunity to present and compare data. Topic continues to explore the world of plague-ridden medieval Britain - with this week seeing us reflecting and building on previous learning from last year about warfare and the knights code of chivalry.

Dates for the Diary

Mon 14th November	Individual school photos
W/C 14th November	Maths Week
W/C 14th November	Anti-bullying week
Weds 16th November	Oak Class cross country event at The Marlborough School
Fri 18th November	Children in Need
Sun 20th November	Oak and Willow Class choir at Youth Club Fayre (meet 1:45)
W/C 21st November	Road Safety Week
Weds 23rd November	Odd Socks Day
Mon 28th November	National Tree Week – whole school art project
Fri 25th November	Ignite World Cup Tournament for Y5/6 (TBC)
Weds 30th November	Flu vaccinations
Weds 30th November	The Big Christmas Sing for Oak Class (Oxford Town Hall)
Fri 2nd December	Rowan Class Bake for Books
Tues 6th December	Out of the Box Panto – Robin Hood (at school)
Weds 7th December	Oak Class Hockey Tournament with Oxford Hawks (TBC)
Fri 9th December	KSF Christmas Bazaar and Auction
Tues 13th December	Oak and Willow Class Carol Service – Church, 6pm
Thurs 15th December	Rowan Class Nativity (timings TBC)
Tues 20th December	**End of term – 1:30pm**

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Joy Baker
Headteacher

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