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C.E. School

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6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. The children have returned to school well rested and prepared for the busy term ahead. As usual, we have many exciting dates planned for the coming weeks.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January KSF Light Trail 4:30-6:30pm, Park Farm (OX5 3JQ)**

Beat the January blues with the KSF Winter Wonderland Light Trail at Park Farm, Akeman Street, OX5 3JQ tomorrow. Mulled wine, hot chocolate, sausage rolls and snacks will be available and children can do the elf door trail along the route and buy some fun light toys. Last entry to the trail will be at 6pm. Minimum donation of £5 per family for entry to the trail. Don't forget your wellies and a torch!

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2.30-3.30pm Celebration of Children's Work**

We would like to invite you all in to see a wonderful celebration of homework and other class projects that the children have been involved in, including our vision day that the children contributed to yesterday. Light refreshments will be available for a small donation collected by KSF.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 4pm Kirtlington Orchard Wassail**

We were visited by Sue Brown who has been helping to lead the Kirtlington Orchard Wassail - she explained the origins of a Wassail and what would be involved before teaching the children a song. Families are invited to join the village Orchard Wassail with music, dance and refreshments. Full details are explained in the attached posters.

**Flu, COVID and scarlet fever (Strep A)**

As you will have seen in the news, flu, COVID and scarlet fever (caused by strep A) are all currently circulating at high levels. At school we will continue to practice good hand hygiene and ensure good ventilation. Please could we ask that you do not send your child to school if they feel unwell and have a fever. As always, we welcome donations of tissues for the classrooms. You can find more information on our [absence page](#).

**Class Newsletters**

Class newsletters and homework grids will be sent out by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January.



## Dates for the Diary

You can find more diary dates on our school website.

### Weds 4<sup>th</sup> January

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> January

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> January

Weds 11<sup>th</sup> January

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> January

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> January

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> January

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> January

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> January

TBC

### Fri 10<sup>th</sup> February

### Term starts – 8:40am

KSF Lights Trail at Park Farm – 4:30-6:30pm

After school Multisports Club starts

Y6 Dental Survey

After school Create Club starts

Celebration of children's work – parents welcome from 2:30pm

After school Hockey Club starts

Wassail at the Kirtlington Orchard – 4pm

Oak Class - planetarium at school

Oak Class visit from a Geologist

### End of term – 3pm

## General reminders

### Change of footwear

Please remember that children should have a pair of trainers and a pair of welly boots in school for use during outdoor play. On PE days, they should come in their school shoes and will change into trainers when they do PE.

### 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)

### Safeguarding

If you have urgent concerns about a child, please call 999. For other concerns, please contact the MASH team on 0345 050 7666 <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/business/information-providers/multi-agency-safeguarding-hub>

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Joy Baker  
Headteacher

