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C.E. School

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School Christian Value: Perseverance

13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents and carers,

The new school term is in full swing, and we are looking forward to lots of exciting events. We are delighted to restart our swimming lessons for the children at Bicester Leisure Centre, the first time we've been able to take the children swimming since before the pandemic. We are also enjoying learning songs for the village orchard Wassail and are looking forward to welcoming Oxford Science into school with their planetarium. It will be a busy term!

### School Vision

This academic year we've updated our school vision and values. Mrs Vincent and the team have worked hard on the project and at the start of this term we had a vision day. Rowan and Willow Class thought about LOVE and RESPECT. Oak concentrated on our current value which is PERSEVERANCE. We have updated the display boards in the school hall to show some of their amazing work. HOPE and SERVICE will follow.



**Oak Class** thoroughly enjoyed their DT project 'Scream Machine' combining science, physics, and electricity to produce exciting and creative fairground rides. Excellent teamwork and perseverance to keep going, evaluating, improving and changing their designs. Well done Oak!



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**Rowan class** are enjoying their topic 'Our Wonderful World'. Reception children explored many artefacts from different countries after listening to stories about travelling the world and other cultures. They were both curious and inquisitive, describing what they saw and asking many questions.

**Willow class** had their first recorder session with Mrs Langrish. They were all so excited to rap and play to the beat. Over the next few weeks, the children will learn different notes and will eventually learn to play a tune. We hope to invite you in to watch a final performance!



### **Celebrating the children's work**

It has been very hard to invite parents into school over the last few years because of COVID, so we were delighted to hold a special display in the hall demonstrating some of the brilliant projects the children have been working on at home and at school.



### **Pre School Extra-ordinary General Meeting – a message for Pre-school families**

You are invited to our EGM on **Tuesday 17th January at 8pm** in the school hall.

We will be seeking approval for our members through the proposed resolutions:

- Approve the amalgamation of Kirtlington Preschool with Kirtlington CE Primary School.
- Approve the transfer of the Charity assets to the Kirtlington CE Primary School.
- Approve the closure of Kirtlington Preschool Charity.

### **KSF Winter Wonderland**

Thank you to everyone who braved the weather last Saturday and came to the light trail. The rain cleared up and we had a wonderful evening. The new disco area was a big hit! A huge thanks goes to Hazel Baker and her family for all their hard work setting the trail up.

### **Saturday 21st January 4pm Kirtlington Orchard Wassail**

Further to our visit by Sue Brown who has been helping to lead the Kirtlington Orchard Wassail, I would like to remind families that you are invited to join the village Orchard Wassail with music, dance and refreshments. The children have been learning a special song and we look forward to seeing you there!



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**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. <https://kirtlington.oxon.sch.uk/information/parents-information/child-absence/>

### **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)

### **Dates and reminders**

You can find more diary dates on our school website.

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| Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> January       | School visit from Cllr Nigel Simpson     |
| Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> January       | Preschool EGM – School Hall, 8pm         |
| Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> January        | After school Hockey Club starts          |
| Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> January        | Wassail at the Kirtlington Orchard – 4pm |
| Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> January       | Oak Class - planetarium at school        |
| TBC                                 | Oak Class visit from a Geologist         |
| 6-12 <sup>th</sup> February         | Children's Mental Health Week            |
| Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> February       | Oak Class French Play – time TBC         |
| <b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> February</b> | <b>End of term – 3pm</b>                 |
| <b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> February</b> | <b>Term starts – 8:40am</b>              |

### **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/informationproviders/multi-agency-safeguarding-hub>



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We hope you have a lovely weekend.  
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