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School Christian Value: Hope

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Dear parents and carers,

The children have been extremely busy preparing for Easter – learning new songs, thinking carefully about the Easter story, and preparing some beautiful artwork. We look forward to sharing with you all in our Easter service at St Mary's Church on 30th March at 2pm. As always, many other exciting learning opportunities have taken place during the last two weeks.

School trip to Oxford Synagogue

Children enjoyed a visit to Oxford Synagogue today. They consolidated their learning by answering and asking many questions. It was fascinating to see so many beautiful Torah scrolls and learn so much more about Judaism.



Waste Week

Waste Week took place 6-12 March. This year's campaign was all about toy and book re-use. We wanted to teach our children the importance 're-use' plays in protecting the environment and to encourage them to give and find new homes for unwanted things, rather than throwing them away or buying something new. To help them understand this, we held a book/toy swap. The children bought an item in to swap it for another. Thank you for all the wonderful donations - children were delighted with their swaps!



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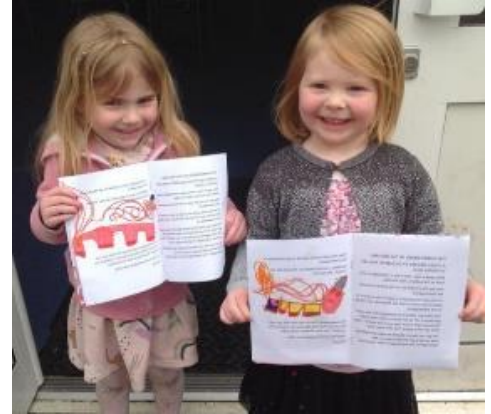


Forest School News

Year 1 children wrapped up warm to explore the wonderful activities during their forest school session. One child wanted to measure the depth of the water in the stream and other children enjoyed den making and creating delicious meals in the mud kitchen!

Pre-school

Children often enjoy sharing their learning. This week, budding authors from pre-school told their amazing story to Izzie. She typed it up and published it. The girls were so excited to share their wonderful and creative ideas.



Playground Leaders

As the weather improves, our enthusiastic playground leaders are able to bring more sports equipment outside. They have been planning some exciting and active activities, enjoyed by many children. We are hoping to use the school field again after Easter, once the grass has had time to recover.

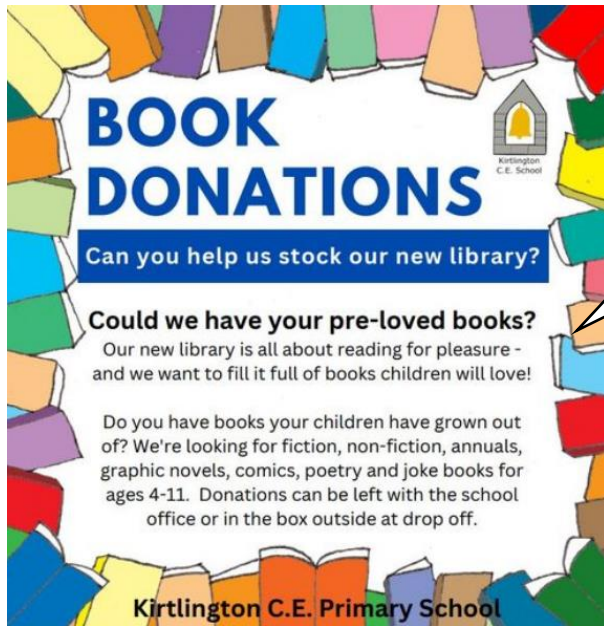
Lamb Ale – Sunday 4th June

This year's Lamb Ale takes place on **Sunday 4th June**. As you all know, this is a fun day and a great fundraiser for the school. The wider village would love for the children to be more involved again this year, taking part in the parade and dancing at the start of the main Morris event at school. Please save the date if you are here, and let us know if your child might be able to take part and if you might be able to help KSF with running the bar and the BBQ for the main dancing event. We'll put out a sign up sheet but do email the office as well.



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Thank you so much for all donations so far ...keep them coming!

Dates and reminders

Thurs 23 rd March	Reception and Y6 Heights and Weights
Sat 25 th March	Preschool Easter Bazaar – Village Hall, 2pm
Tues 28 th March	iRock Concert – School Hall, 9:30am
Weds 29 th March	Parents Evening (face to face) 17:00-19:00
Thurs 30 th March	Easter Service at St Mary’s Church – 14:00
Thurs 30 th March	Parents Evening (face to face) 15:30-17:30
Fri 31 st March	Egg decoration judging takes place
Fri 31 st March	KSF Second hand uniform and lolly sale – 1:30pm
Fri 31st March	Term ends – 1:30pm

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/>

Polite Parking Reminder

Please avoid parking outside the school when dropping off and picking up. The road is extremely busy at this time of day – try to use the village hall carpark and walk up to school.

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.



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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

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>

As always, thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend and Happy Mother's Day!

Joy Baker and the team



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