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School Christian Value: Hope

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Dear parents and carers,

After two weeks since the February half term, we have been in full swing with many wonderful things happening in and out of school. As usual, staff and children have been extremely busy, enjoying teaching and learning.

### **Waste Week 2023 (Reminder)**

Waste Week takes place 6-12 March. This year's campaign is all about toy and book re-use. We want to teach young people 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're making toy and book re-use the topic for Waste Week 2023. We would like children to bring in an unwanted toy, game, or book from 6<sup>th</sup> March and on 10<sup>th</sup> March they can choose to swap it for another.



### **Road Safety**



Our new warning lights are programmed and in full working order! We hope all motorists will slow down and help to keep everyone safe. Huge thanks go to Cllr Nigel Simpson and Jean Conway from Kirtlington Parish Council. We are still working very closely with them to improve our road safety.

### **School Library**

The new school library is nearing completion! So many volunteers have supported us with planning and decoration. Special thanks go to KSF, a local artist and ex-parent Kelly Smith, and author Cas Lester for ongoing creativity, help and support.



Do you have books at home that your children have grown out of? We'd love donations of any books in good condition – annuals, joke books, graphic novels, fiction or non fiction. You can put them in the box at drop off. We will keep you posted with a date for our grand opening!



### School Partnership Athletics

Oak class competed against other schools in sports hall athletics at Marlborough School. They took part in many events and demonstrated determination, perseverance, and great sportsmanship.



### Dance Opportunities

Ahead of World Book Day, [West End in Schools](#) delivered a dance workshop called Bringing Books to Life. Oak and Willow worked with the story Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak and Rowan worked with the story, How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers. All children took part and retold stories through creative dance, and thoroughly enjoyed the sessions.



### World Book Day

World Book Day took on a non-fiction theme this year! We had scientists, nurses, explorers, football legends, characters from history and so much more! We covered geography, history and science. We enjoyed a whole school assembly with a parade in the playground and many more activities! The staff always like to get involved with this wonderful event. What an amazing day!



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

Flu, COVID and scarlet fever (caused by strep A) are all still 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 for the Diary

You can find more diary dates on our school website.

6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Waste Week
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Waste Week Swap Shop
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1-5 visit to the Oxford Synagogue
TBC	Oak Class visit from a Geologist
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Reception and Y6 Heights and Weights
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> March	iRock Concert – School Hall – 09:30
Weds 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening (face to face) 17:00-19:00
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service at St Mary's Church – 14:00
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening (face to face) 15:30-17:30
<b>31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Term ends – 1:30pm</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>

As always, thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a wonderful half term break.

*Joy Baker and the team*