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School Christian Value: Hope

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Dear parents and carers,

Easter is upon us, and we have had another wonderful term full of hard work and celebrations. Our school Christian value this term is Hope and we have thought carefully about the Easter story, sacrifice and hope for the future. Since the last newsletter we have had a fantastic Easter bazaar organised by Preschool and with games from KSF. We have seen rock bands perform, celebrated Red Nose Day and enjoyed more forest school. Read on to find out more!

iRock Performances

Five rock bands from *Kirtlington School of Rock* performed to the whole school, pre-school, many parents, grandparents and carers. The children rocked their socks off and we thoroughly enjoyed their impressive performances. We all felt very proud, and the feedback has been amazing. Thank you to [iRock School of Music](#).



Forest School

Year 1 children have thoroughly enjoyed forest school this term. They have participated in so many different activities, including, making nests and learning about different birds. The children have also used tools to make necklaces. Some children were very adventurous and had a go at making whistles. They rounded off their sessions by toasting marshmallows around an open fire. Next term Reception will take part in weekly



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sessions and after May half term, Oak class will have sessions. Thank you to Mrs Meager for running our wonderful forest school.

Forest school dress code and equipment

Children will need a change of clothes appropriate to the weather. Long sleeved tops and long leggings or tracksuit bottoms (no shorts) to avoid bites and stings. Waterproof coats and trousers or suits (to wear over the top of clothing). Children will also need to bring a non-breakable mug for their hot chocolate treat!



New Standing Desks

Exciting news! We are trialling new standing desks. Standing stimulates brain function. It increases oxygen, glucose and dopamine levels, which are vital for focus and concentration. The impacts are improved student focus, behaviour and academic outcomes.

Red Nose Day

The School Council organised a poster competition for Red Nose Day. We had some super, creative entries. Well done to all children that participated and congratulations to the winners.



Easter Service

The children have been working incredibly hard towards the Easter service. Rowan class made fantastic rabbit ears in preparation for their song about a grumpy bunny, Willow class produced some beautiful artwork to accompany their retelling of the Easter story. Oak class cleverly created eggs from papier mache, within the eggs were objects to symbolise the event in holy week leading up to the tomb when Jesus rose again. The children sang beautifully, including signing to one song. Thank you so much to all who could attend.



Preschool Easter Bizarre Bazaar

A big thank you to everyone who came along to the Easter Bizarre Bazaar, it was such a fun day. Everyone enjoyed some amazing cakes and games at the Village Hall as well as a fabulous trail around the village. We hope not too many of you floated away with the fizzy lifting drink!



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Egg Decorating Competition

Congratulations to our winners of the Easter egg decorating competition. We had many entries and it was difficult to choose winners. The school council chose a winner from each year group who had produced some very creative designs. All funds raised will go to our chosen charity, Asylum Welcome.

Lamb Ale – Sunday 4th June (Reminder)

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.

Church News

Gareth and the team warmly invite you to the Easter services that will be held over the next week:

Palm Sunday (2 April)

Bletchingdon Palm Sunday Procession and Service with donkey
Meet on Bletchingdon Green at 1000 or in church if wet
Chesterton Family Service at 1100
Both services suitable for children. All very welcome.

Good Friday

Family Service with hot cross buns at Bletchingdon at 1000

Easter Day

Family Communion at the following times:
0930 at Bletchingdon, Middleton Stoney and Wendlebury
1100 at Chesterton, Kirtlington and Weston

Easter egg hunts and child-friendly activities at all services.

Dates and reminders

Mon 17th Apr
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Thurs 20th Apr
Fri 21st Apr
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Term starts – 8:40 (gates open 8:35)
Multi-sports afterschool club restarts
Create Club restarts
Hockey Club restarts
Oak Class swimming restarts
Forest School for Reception starts



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Mon 1st May	Bank holiday
Thurs 4 th May	TBC – visit from Kidlington Fire Station
Mon 8th May	Bank holiday for the coronation of King Charles III
Tues 9 th May	Y6 SATs week starts
Tues 9 th May	TBC – Victorian School Day experience for Rowan Class
Thurs 18 th May	Y6 transition morning at The Marlborough School
Fri 26 th May	May Day dancing display for parents – 2:30pm
Fri 26th May	Term ends – 3pm
Sunday 4 th June	Lamb Ale (children invited to join procession and dance at school)

Reading records

Please continue to read over the holidays and make a note in your reading record.

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.

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



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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 Easter Break!

Joy Baker and the team



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