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Dear parents and carers,

After a wonderful Easter break, the children have skipped back into school full of enthusiasm and excited about new topics and activities for the summer term. Oak class have another term of swimming sessions and reception children are settling well into their forest school sessions. We are excited about the King's Coronation and the children have been learning some great songs to celebrate.

Oak Class visit to the allotments

Oak Class send a BIG thank you to Bob and Shelia Wilkes, Mr Tee and Mr Hill, for an amazing learning experience in our local environment. Last term, the Oak class topic was Sow, Grow and Farm. To conclude our geography learning, we will be creating our very own Kirtlington Primary School allotment (on school grounds). As key members of the local allotment community, these adults

generously gave us their time and expertise to discuss the challenges and rewards of allotment keeping - telling us about planting, soil maintenance, gathering water and what plants thrive in cornborough soil. Most importantly, the children got to learn more about another amazing Kirtlington community.



Year 5 Bell Ringing (Coronation celebration of King Charles III)

Some children have been invited to St. Mary's Church, to find out the history of bellringing and indeed, to have a go at bellringing! The bellringers are also offering a Ding for the King opportunity to every villager in Kirtlington between 5th-8th May. More details are attached.



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Rowan Class - Forest School

Reception children are having a fantastic time at forest school! They are having opportunities to climb, explore and investigate. Some children have been testing whether some natural resources can float and others are happy preparing special meals in the mud kitchen. Mrs Meager has many wonderful sessions planned this term!



Willow Class



Willow class are learning about fractions and in one of their sessions this week, they found many ways to find thirds in their maths lesson today. They had great fun using resources to find thirds of different amounts and matching this to the answer.

Oak Class

Oak class enjoyed an active and practical maths lesson linked to their topic 'Sow, Grow and Farm'. After acting as sets of human data and exploring different Venn diagrams in the playground, children then returned to the classroom to find different ways to arrange data. Children worked systematically to find different solutions. Great teamwork, perseverance and discussion.



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.

Dates and reminders

Mon 1st May

Tues 2nd May

Weds 3rd May

Thurs 4th May

Mon 8th May

Tues 9th May

Bank holiday

Year 6 SATs meeting in Oak Class – 3pm

Y5 Ding for the King at Kirtlington Bell Tower

Coronation lunch (book via ParentPay)

Bank holiday for the coronation of King Charles III

Y6 SATs week starts



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Thurs 11 th May	Victorian School Day experience for Rowan Class
Thurs 18 th May	Y6 transition morning at The Marlborough School
Fri 19 th May	Fire Service at school for Rowan and Willow Class
Weds 24 th May	Oak Class Quad Kids at Marlborough – 1pm – 4:30pm
Fri 26 th May	May Day dancing display for parents – 2:30pm
Fri 26th May	Term ends – 3pm
Sun 4 th June	Lamb Ale (children invited to join procession and dance at school)
Mon 5th June	INSET day – school closed for children
Tues 6th June	Term begins – 8:40am
Thurs 15 th June	Y6 transition day at The Marlborough School
Weds 21 st June	Y2 Mini Olympics at The Marlborough School
26 th – 30 th June	Y5/6 Residential to Yenworthy
Weds 28 th June	Willow Class Trip to The Living Rainforest
Tues 4 th July	TBC – Girls football day at The Marlborough School
Fri 7 th July	Sports Day at the Village Hall Playing Field – 9:30am
Tues 11 th July	Year 6 transition day at The Marlborough School
Thurs 13 th July	TBC – Oak Class Play
Fri 14 th July	Summer Term homework hand in day
Fri 14 th July	KSF Summer BBQ – 5-7pm
Mon 17 th July	Year 6 leavers assembly – 1:30pm
Thurs 20th July	Term ends at 1:30pm
Fri 21st July	INSET Day

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/>



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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 Bank Holiday weekend!

Joy Baker and the team



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