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Dear parents and carers,

It is with a heavy heart that I write my last newsletter to you all. As always, it is filled with the many joyous events that take place in our school and community. We have almost reached the end of term and the end of another academic year. The children have spent time with their new teachers on transition day in their new classes. We have a busy few days ahead celebrating with concerts and a leaver's service.

Staffing News

I am pleased to announce two new appointments. Fiona Clark will be the new teacher for Oak class from September. She is an experienced upper key stage 2 teacher with a passion for all subjects, particularly English. Fiona has visited the children and enjoyed our transition morning. Sandy Buckle will be joining Willow Class in September as a part-time TA. Sandy knows all the children well as she has been our school cook for the past eighteen months. We just hope the new cook can match Sandy's delicious meals! The governors will send out a communication regarding my replacement next week.

Sports Day 2023

Our children were incredible, the sports leaders from Ignite planned a fantastic morning with a carousel of sporting activities, running races, hurdles, and long-distance running. All children challenged themselves, and we were amazed that Rowan class also wanted to participate in the long-distance event! Congratulations to Diamond House Group for gaining most points and winning the cup. We loved to see the many parents participating in an eventful 3-legged race! Just brilliant! Thank you to all the teachers and families for supporting this event. It was such an enjoyable morning.



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Year 5&6 enjoyed a fantastic five days in North Devon. They faced challenging programmes of outdoor activities, which included rock climbing, surfing and kayaking. The children were able to develop social interaction and responsibility for domestic routines to build self-esteem, co-operation, trust and independence. All pupils were given the opportunity to lead and were taught about hazard recognition and risk control. By the end of the week, children had developed a deeper understanding of themselves and the contribution they can make to group success.

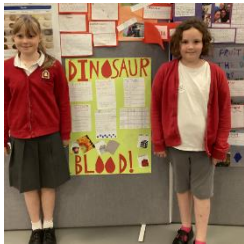


Girls Football Event

All girls from year 1 - 6 braved the rainy weather to take part in a partnership soccer afternoon. Lots of new skills were developed through resilience and perseverance. The Marlborough sports leaders were amazing!

Living Rainforest Trip

Year 2, 3 and 4 had a wonderful time visiting the Living Rainforest. They immersed themselves in the hot and humid environment and learnt about the animals and plants that live there.



Big Science Event

Two of our pupils from Oak Class reached the grand final of the Big Science Event. This event is run annually by Science Oxford and challenges children to create their own science investigation. They then present their findings to a panel of judges from Science Oxford. This year, 12,000 pupils entered and 22 schools got through. Our children carried out an imaginative and creative investigation around dinosaur blood! Congratulations for getting through to the final!

Forest School

Some year 4&5 children from Oak class have had some extra time at forest school, gathering sticks, swinging on a rope swing, den building and enjoying the natural environment that we are so fortunate to have.



Summer Reading Challenge

To help keep children reading over the summer, we were delighted to welcome Cas Lester back to school this week to tell all the children about the Summer Library Challenge. We encourage you all to sign up either in Kidlington or Bicester libraries and the children can earn special stickers and rewards as they go along, as well as a medal at the end.



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Message from St. Mary's Church and Rise and Shine Cafe

The last Rise and Shine Cafe of term takes place on 19th July. We will be having a bit of a party to celebrate a happy year of chat, freshly-brewed coffee and home-made cakes, with toys, games, crafts, a story and a song-along for the littlies. After that, a break until we start again on Wednesday 6th September. Do join us then - we have had several new families join us during the year as it's a great chance to meet friends old and new. Rise and Shine intergenerational community cafe takes place every Wednesday in term-time in St Mary's Church, Kirtlington, 9.15 - 10.45 am. Enquiries to Joanna, joannaclifford.akeman@gmail.com but you can just turn up.



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

Dates and reminders

Mon 17 th July	Year 6 leavers assembly – 1:30pm
Tues 18 th July	iRock Concert – 9:30am
Weds 16 th July	Leaving assembly for Mrs Baker and Mr Protherough – 9am
Weds 16 th July	French Café hosted by Oak Class for all parents – 9:30am
Weds 16 th July	Oak Class Play – 5:30pm, school hall
Thurs 20th July	Term ends at 1:30pm
Fri 21 st July	INSET Day
Tues 5th September	First Day of term

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>

I look forward to enjoying the last week of term with you all! I will miss the children terribly and wish to thank you all for your care and support over the last two years. Have a wonderful well-deserved summer break!

Joy Baker and the team



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