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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our final newsletter of the first Half-Term of the school year.

What a few weeks it's been! It has been truly exciting to see the learning that happens in your childrens' classes, and to see the progress that they are making. Mrs Slater and I have been so impressed to see this all across the school. There are children already reading in Rowan Class, and Oak Class are writing wonderful persuasive letters to us!

As we reach the Half-Term break, we've tried to put as many important dates into the School Calendar as possible, and you'll see that more have been added into the list below. These include our Remembrance Service, dates for the long awaited Rowan Class Nativity Play, and for the Carol Service.

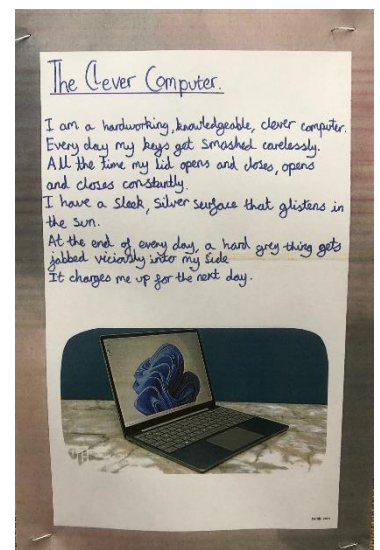
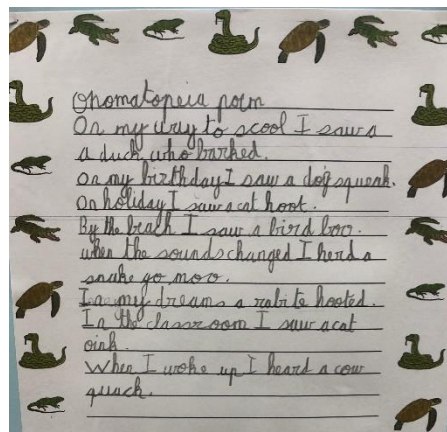
We hope that you have special, restful time next week, and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 30th October.

Kind Regards

Paul Atkins
Mrs Grace Slater and Mr Paul Atkins
Interim Co-Headteachers

National Poetry Day

The whole school celebrated National Poetry Day. Rowan Class enjoyed learning a poem together and reading poems with their Year 6 buddies. Lime Class learnt all about onomatopoeia, Willow Class worked on poems where they made excuses using repeated lines. Oak Class used personification to write their poems.



Thanks to KSF

A big thank you to KSF for funding a Black History book pack for the new library. Oak Class are also making great use of the resources for their topic work.



High Flyers - news from the team

Congratulations to **Elsie** for soaring above and beyond as our latest 'High Flyer of the Week'! Our HF artists have been hard at work, crafting cat masks and spooktacular Halloween puppets. It's been a week filled with joy, creativity, and lots of fun outdoor play.

October Half Term Holiday Club: Do you children love Halloween and want to dress up? Need childcare in October half term? We have our half term club 9am until 4pm, Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 at Christopher Rawlins School.

You can book through our website: <https://www.highflyers.org.uk> or on our booking platform: <https://highflyersoxfordlimited.ipalbookings.com/>

Dates and reminders

Fri 20th Oct INSET Day – school closed

23rd – 27th Oct Half term

Mon 30th Oct First day of term

Fri 3rd Nov Oak Class swimming starts

Mon 6th Nov Individual School Photos

Weds 8th Nov U9 and U11 Cross Country at The Marlborough School

Thurs 9th Nov Willow Class Anglo Saxon Workshop

Fri 10th Nov Remembrance at the war memorial – 10:45am

Fri 10th Nov Oak Class Bake for Books – 3:10pm

Sat 18th Nov KSF Bingo Night

20th – 24th Nov Road Safety Week

23rd Nov IMPs visit to Y6

Fri 8th Dec KSF Christmas Bazaar (Kirtlington Village Hall)

Weds 13th Dec Christmas lunch

Thurs 14th Dec Rowan Class Nativity (Show 1) – 2pm

Thurs 14th Dec School Carol Concert at St Mary's Church – 6pm

Fri 15th Dec Rowan Class Nativity (Show 2) – 5pm

Tues 19th Dec iRock Concert – 9:30am

Tues 19th Dec Pantomime (at school)

Weds 20th Dec End of Autumn Term – 1:30pm

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 car park 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.

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>

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>