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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our second newsletter of the Autumn Term. While we've entered October, the dry and sunny weather has meant that children are able to spend plenty of time outside as part of their learning.

This week has been a time of excitement in class, as children have been thinking about Democracy and have been voting for this year's School Councillors and Eco-Councillors. We will keep you updated of the Councils' activities as the year progresses. In addition, we are delighted to have been able to confirm this year's House Captains (see photo).



On Friday 29th September we celebrated the School Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church, and we wanted to thank all of you who attended. It was wonderful to see so many parents and family members, and I particularly enjoyed the contributions from classes. Your children spoke and sang with confidence and made the Festival a really special occasion. Thank you!

Given our proximity to the busy Heyford Road, we are going to be thinking about Road Safety in the week commencing 20th November 2023. However, we are aware that several families have recently been concerned about the speed of vehicles when they are crossing the road. We have contacted the local Police Team to see if they can offer support, but in the meantime please be vigilant when you all cross the road by the school.

I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend, and are able to enjoy the gorgeous autumnal weather.

Paul Atkins

Mrs Grace Slater and Mr Paul Atkins
Interim Co-Headteachers

Rowan Class Update

Rowan Class have been busy painting self-portraits whilst thinking carefully about our facial features. We have also drawn family portraits and discussed who is in our family. In maths we have been sorting items according to different rules. In phonics, we have learnt the sounds g, o, c, and k. We have enjoyed playing in the rain this week and making use of the mud kitchen.



Lime Class Update

For topic work, Lime Class are continuing to learn about historically significant individuals such as Mary Anning, who was a scientist, Rosa Parks, who was an activist and Neil Armstrong, who was an explorer in preparation for writing biographies in English. They wrote lovely onomatopoeic nonsense poems for poetry day and they are continuing to learn about Hinduism looking at worship and gods and goddesses.



Willow Class Update

In Willow class we have been exploring outside and working on our identification of living things in science and have been comparing and classifying them. We have made 3D models of a Mandir in R.E. We have been really enjoying the story of Beowulf and have been making our writing interesting with 'show-not-tell' sentences and kennings. In art we have been exploring colour and looking at how it is used in famous paintings.

Oak Class Update

It has been a fantastic few weeks in Oak Class with so much wonderful learning going on. We have been carrying out research on the Windrush generation and written non-chronological reports on the Windrush scandal. In Science, we have been learning about the circulatory system and what blood is made from. We even built our own blood! In Maths, we have been working hard on addition and subtraction, and the Year 6 children had a super lesson using their knowledge of factors to investigate abundant numbers.



Kirtlington Church: Crib Service 24th December 4pm



Kirtlington Church Crib Service

Come and be part of the Crib Service on Christmas Eve at St Mary's Church. Message Jo on 07751 023793 with your child's name and age to sign up. Rehearsals will be in December in the Church after school. There will be a practice at the Church on the day at 3pm, with the service starting at 4pm.

High Flyers - news from the team

The past week at High Flyers after-school club has been filled with an array of creative and outdoor activities. The children have poured their creativity into a special colouring competition, showcasing their incredible artistic talents. We've also introduced "painting by numbers," which was met with great enthusiasm and produced some truly beautiful artwork. In addition to these indoor pursuits, our young artists have ventured outside, harnessing nature as their canvas by painting rocks. These vibrant rocks now dot our school grounds, adding splashes of colour and creativity to every corner. From team games to individual explorations, the outdoors has been a hub of laughter and learning. Congratulations to Hollie and Freddie, our High Flyers of the week for the last two weeks. Thank you for your continuous support and for being a part of our High Flyers community.

Update from the School Health Nursing Service

A colorful illustration of children engaged in various outdoor activities. Some are playing with nets, others are sitting on the grass reading or painting. The scene is set in a lush green park with trees and a path.

Term 1 Primary: School Health Nurse Newsletter

Term 1 September 2023 -

[Go to this Sway](#)

Over 102,000 children starting primary school in England are at risk of catching measles

With millions of children across the country going back to school this week, NHS England is urging parents to check that their children are up to date with their MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccinations in the wake of measles cases rising across the country. Childhood vaccination rates have fallen over the past ten years and this week statistics show that over 102,000 children aged four and five years old starting in reception are not protected against catching measles, mumps and rubella. Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. If you are unsure if you or your child are up to date, check your child's red book or GP records and make an appointment to catch up any missed doses. Visit the [NHS vaccination schedule](#) for more information.

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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.

Dates and reminders

Fri 13 th Oct	Lime Class Bake for Books
Weds 18 th Oct	Year 3 Multi Skills Festival at The Marlborough School
Fri 20 th Oct	INSET Day – school closed

23rd – 27th Oct **Half term**

Mon 6 th Nov	Individual School Photos
Weds 8 th Nov	U9 and U11 Cross Country at The Marlborough School
Thurs 9 th Nov	Willow Class Anglo Saxon Workshop
Fri 10 th Nov	Oak Class Bake for Books
Sat 18 th Nov	KSF Bingo Night
20 th – 24 th Nov	Road Safety Week
Tues 12 th Dec	School Carol Concert at St Mary's Church – 6:00pm
Fri 8 th Dec	KSF Christmas Bazaar (Kirtlington Village Hall)
Tues 19 th Dec	iRock Concert – 9:30am

Weds 20th Dec **End of Autumn Term**

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>