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**School Christian Value: Respect**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our final newsletter before Advent, and the start of the Festive Season.

It has been a busy couple of weeks in school, but also out of school. Thank you to all of you who attended the KSF's Family Bingo on Saturday – your support makes a huge difference to the children of Kirtlington. Thanks also to those of you who took your children along to sing at the Youth Club Christmas Fayre.

The children enjoyed fundraising for both Children In Need, and the Royal British Legion over the past two weeks. We've been informed today that over £220 was raised for the RBL; a huge thank you to all of you for your generosity.

Have a lovely weekend.

Paul Atkins

Mrs Grace Slater and Mr Paul Atkins  
Interim Co-Headteachers

### **Primary Nurse Team**

Please read the [latest newsletter](#) from the School Nurse Team.

### **Rowan Class**

In Rowan Class, we have enjoyed making rocky road cake for Children in Need, adding ingredients and mixing. Last week was World Nursery Rhyme week so we sang and performed a selection of nursery rhymes. We have been practicing how stay safe near the road for Road Safety Week by setting up a zebra crossing and a road in the outdoor area. We have also spent some time in our mini forest area at the back of the garden.



### Lime Class

In Lime Class we have been celebrating Children in need and made jam tarts to sell and raise money for other children. In English we have been learning how to write instructions and have been writing instructions on how to make our favourite sandwich. Over the next two weeks, we will be having a DT focus and will be designing and making hedgehog homes, inspired by our recent hedgehog visit to the school.



### Willow Class

Willow class were excited to find out the results of their science experiment this week. We left egg shell in vinegar, cola and water for a week to observe how acid and sugar affects the enamel on our teeth. Ask us what happened at home! Following on from this, our DT project next week is all about making and packaging healthy snacks – healthy fuel for our bodies, minds and of course our teeth.

On Friday we all enjoyed making chocolate crispy cakes to raise money for Children in Need.

We are continuing to have lots of fun in the forest: building dens; getting creative with sticks, leaves and string; observing the natural world and developing our personal skills of co-operation, resilience, and respect.



### Oak Class

Oak class have been working exceptionally hard over the past few weeks. We have finished writing, editing and publishing our newspaper reports about the Amistad mutiny of 1839. In Art, we used tints, tones and shades to create our own landscape paintings.



On Thursday, the Year 6 children had a fantastic morning completing the Injury Minimisation Programme for Schools run by a volunteer from the John Radcliffe hospital. We learned how to put people in the recovery position, how to give chest compressions and what to do if we come across a medical emergency.

## High Flyers - news from the team

Adding to the excitement last week, we had the privilege of five little special visitors from Tiggly Winkles.... Thank you! The children were delighted to meet these adorable visitors, creating a memorable and educational experience.

This week we've been relishing the splendid outdoor weather, making the most of our time outside. Our creative streak continues indoors as well, where we've dived into a festive spirit, engaging in lots of colouring activities and even starting to craft angels in anticipation of Christmas. Team games have also been a hit, bringing us together for some fun and camaraderie.

Hugo, is our High Flyer of the week. Hugo has been simply awesome, showing great enthusiasm and spirit in all our activities. His positive attitude and willingness to participate have been a bright spark for us all.

For those working over 16 hours, you can take advantage of the 'government's Choices Scheme' to save 20% on childcare. Also, when booking through our system, you can pay by bank payment, so no booking fee.

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

## Dates and reminders (changes/new dates in red)

Weds 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y5/6 P2000 Hockey Tournament
<b>Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Non uniform day for Rainbow Hampers</b>
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KSF Christmas Bazaar (Kirtlington Village Hall)
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas lunch
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Rowan Class Nativity (Show 1) – 2pm
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Carol Concert at St Mary's Church – 6pm
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Rowan Class Nativity (Show 2) – 5pm
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	iRock Concert – 9:30am
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Pantomime (at school)

**Weds 20<sup>th</sup> 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>