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Committed to the care and education of your child within a Christian setting

Value of the Month: Perseverance

Newsletter Term 3: 2018/19 (15)

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to thank all those of you who have provided us with feedback to the reports that we sent home at the end of last term. Your comments were overwhelmingly positive.

Please may I draw your attention to the new date for the Parent Forum, which will now take place on the afternoon of Thursday 6th June. This event, which I will be running with the Governors, will inform you of how we aim to recrystallize the School Vision for the next five years, as well as providing you with updates on school development.

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Values Award Certificates:

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Benjamin Bywaters, Arthur Engledow, George Buchan, Lauren Storey, Henry Hickman, Chloe Wild, Alex Chainey, Reuben Cartwright, Holly Dunne, Finlay Green, Calum Hovard



Friends' Events:

The Friends would like to thank everyone who took part in the Scavenger Hunt over Easter, as well as everyone who has brought in old batteries for recycling. Do please continue to bring in your old batteries. The collecting boxes can be emptied into the big tubs outside Mrs Doland's office and then reused. We do also have spare collecting boxes for use at home.

Upcoming Friends' Events:

If you have not already done so, please do put the upcoming Friends' events in your diaries:

- Summer Fair - Saturday 8th June
- School Discos - Friday 28th June
- Quiz Night - Friday 5th July

The Excel Tennis Academy have a special offer for juniors aged 4 - 7 years old.

The offer is a starter course for children, comprising of 6 high quality sessions, that introduce tennis to children in a fun and relaxed environment.

The course costs £25 for the 6 lessons, and included in this price is a FREE Tennis Racket, Personalised T Shirt and Balls.

We have 2 sessions currently available:

- Wednesdays from 4:45 - 5:45pm in Standlake at the Lower Windrush Tennis Club
- Thursdays from 4:30 - 5:30pm in Witney at the Witney Lawn Tennis Club

There are only 10 places available in each session, so do book early to avoid disappointment:

Standlake: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ExcelTennisAcademy/BookCourse/1d2ccd4e-bdb2-41b8-bbbf-3d15e03f34ed>

Witney: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ExcelTennisAcademy/BookCourse/a7a840ea-8a28-4123-8f7b-89b0db86c9a9>

If you have any questions you can contact the Excel Tennis Academy on: info@exceltennis.co.uk or 07734 059769.

Dates for your Diaries:

- Reception closed - Thursday 2nd May
- Year 6 SATs Week - Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May
- Year 1 Trip - Tuesday 14th May
- Year 4 Trip - Wednesday 15th May
- Year 5 Partnership Concert - Tuesday 21st May
- Years 3 & 4 Production - Wednesday 22nd May at 1.45pm
- Years 3 & 4 Production - Thursday 23rd May at 5.30pm
- Term ends **at 3.15pm** - Friday 24th May
- INSET Day - Monday 3rd June
- Term begins - Tuesday 4th June
- Parent Forum - Thursday 6th June at 2.15pm
- Summer Fair - Saturday 8th June from 12 - 3pm
- KS2 Sports Day - Tuesday 18th June at 9.30am (Reserve Date Tuesday 25th June)
- Reception & KS1 Sports Day - Monday 24th June at 9.30am (Reserve Date 1st July)
- Reception Races - Monday 24th June at 1.45pm (Reserve Date Monday 1st July)
- Year 2 Trip - Friday 21st June
- School Discos - Friday 28th June at 4.30pm (Reception & KS1) & 6pm (KS2)
- Year 6 Transfer Days - Wednesday 3rd - Friday 5th July
- Quiz Night - Friday 5th July
- Reception Trip - Tuesday 9th July
- Year 6 Performance - Wednesday 10th July at 2pm
- Year 6 Performance - Thursday 11th July at 6pm
- Reception Performance - Thursday 18th July at 5.30pm
- Year 6 Leavers' Service at St. Mary's Church, Cogges - Monday 22nd July at 10am
- Year 6 Leavers' Party - Monday 22nd July
- Term ends **at 1.30pm** - Tuesday 23rd July

As National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Children are using smart devices from a much younger age than ever before. It's why it's essential we talk to our children about how to use them safely. There are so many positive benefits to the new technology at our disposal these days - however there are plenty of downsides too. As a parent, it's important you understand these risks and how you can take steps to protect your family against them.

1 PUT YOURSELF IN CONTROL
Make use of the parental control settings available to you. With most devices, you're able to change the settings to restrict the content your child has access to. This isn't difficult to do, as your software has guidance in the instructions that come with the device. By setting a parental pin, you can restrict certain devices, and you can make sure your child can only access it when you allow it.

2 PROTECTING ANDROID DEVICES
You can set up restricted access on Android tablets through a Google account. You can also set up a 'Screen Time' app, which you can add a new restricted user. After setting up a password and username, select which applications you want to restrict access to. On an Android device, it's a matter of selecting 'Parental Controls' in the play store.

3 PROTECTING APPLE DEVICES
For Apple devices, you can restrict the content your child can access using 'Screen Time'. There's an option for 'Restrictions' which you can turn on. You can also restrict your child's device that you do not want them to have access to.

4 THINK ABOUT ALL YOUR SMART DEVICES
As well as tablets and smartphones, you should think about any device in your home connected to the internet - a game console, a media hub, or a personal computer. In each case you can usually find parental controls in the settings. Think carefully about how much access you want to allow your child, especially when it comes to accessing the internet.

5 MAKE SEARCHING MUCH SAFER
When searching for things, such as Google, Bing or Yahoo, there's a 'Safe Search' option. You should activate this. It's extremely easy for a seemingly harmless search on the internet to return unexpected and inappropriate results. Depending on the browser you're using, go to the settings and search for 'safe search'. Make sure you save the change as it defaults each time you open the browser. This will certainly reduce the chance of your child being exposed to something they shouldn't be.

6 REGULARLY CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA SETTINGS
Before you allow your child to use social media, you should check the settings. You should also make sure you're able to access their profile and privacy settings and check these regularly. The computer based social media platforms often make privacy changes without making it very obvious to the user, such as Facebook's introduction of facial recognition software.

7 DON'T LET PEOPLE SEE WHERE YOU ARE
Location software sounds useful for seeing where your child is, but it also provides the opportunity for others to locate your child too. For safety, it's a good idea to disable location software on all devices or at least turn it off when it's not required. Also, be mindful of specific apps that record running routes or locations where your child might be playing a game. Talk to your child about why these can be dangerous and how to turn the setting on and off as required.

8 WATCH OUT FOR FAKE PROFILES
Sadly, social media presents an enormous opportunity for the likes of paedophiles to get up close and personal with children. Keep a track of the people your child interacts with on social media and if you do not recognise a user as a friend, consider blocking them.

9 KEEP A CHECK ON SCREEN TIME
Managing how much time we spend on screens is a real challenge for all. It's critically important when it comes to children, especially young children, who are still developing. It's not just a case of setting arbitrary time limits. Considerations published by the British Psychological Society in 2016 suggest it's more important to consider the 'content and context' of what the screen is being used for. Still, it is helpful to get limits on devices using 'Screen Time' functions, which you can find in the settings of various devices.

Meet our expert
Emma Davis was a secondary school Computer Science teacher for more than a decade. Since leaving education, she has been working in a cyber security firm, delivering cyber awareness training to businesses and carrying out network testing. She is a mother of a five-year-old, who has vast experience of controlling and managing how children access online services and use apps.

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The Marriage Course

The Marriage Course is a series of seven sessions, designed to help couples invest in their relationship and build a strong marriage. Topics covered include the art of communication, the impact of family and understanding each other's needs. On the course you are seated at your own table for two, listen to practical talks presented on DVD and have time for private discussion between you and your partner. Background music ensures that you can chat in complete privacy. Coffee, tea and home-made cakes are served during the evening. The Marriage Course is based on Christian principles, but designed for all couples with or without a church background. Mondays - 13th & 20th May, 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th June, 1st July at 7.30pm in Witney. Contact Judith Ledden for more information: judith@coggesparish.com or mobile: 07719710977.

EXCEL Tennis Academy

FAMILIES

KIDS

TRY TENNIS FOR FREE

Witney Lawn Tennis Club **ADULTS**

Sunday 19th May : 10am - 2pm

Sessions:

Children aged 4 - 16 Adult Cardio Tennis

Adult coaching - all abilities Family Time

www.witneytennisclub.co.uk

TECH CLUB

28th - 31st May

VIDEO GAME DESIGN
Calling all aspiring game designers! This day teaches students design principles so they can create characters and dynamic game interfaces.
PLUS ROBLOX EDUCATION

ROBOT LAB
Get hands-on with the latest robots and power them with code. Exploring variables, events, conditionals and encouraging creativity!
PLUS MINECRAFT REDSTONE

WIRELESS CIRCUITRY
Dive into STEM technology with wireless motors and lights. This includes coding the blocks and connecting them to solve circuit challenges.
PLUS MINECRAFT MODS

AUGMENTED REALITY
Engage with your imagination! Learn key AR concepts, motion sensing and video control skills to bring virtual characters to life through a digital screen.
PLUS ROBLOX EDUCATION

Activity order may not be the same as this flyer, consult website for day by day activity list for your school

THE KINGS SCHOOL
NEW YATT ROAD, WITNEY, OX29 6TA
28TH MAY - 31ST MAY 2019
9 AM - 3 PM
AGES 5 - 11
TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD ONLINE PLEASE VISIT:
WWW.NEXTTHING.EDUCATION

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Hailey Road, Witney OX28 1HL

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