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

Value of the Month: Trust

Newsletter Term 2: 2017/18 (5)



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a delight to see the children settle back into their classes after the half-term break. I am very proud to see how they are demonstrating this month's value of trust across the school. This is set to be a busy term, with all the advent activities leading up to Christmas, and I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support.

Tim Edwards-Grundy

Values Award Certificates:

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Isabelle Corke, Holly Dibsdall, Kiya Adderley, Harry Ewens, Isobel Hurley, Agatha Fowler, Ruby Clarke, Jacob Coull, Joshua Halcrow, Keira James



Fruits of the Spirit:

We are very proud of our beautiful blooming tree in our middle area, which has grown fruits of the Spirit.



A Polite Message from the School Office:

The school office is receiving a large number of phone calls towards the end of the school day. Please may we remind you that, unless it is an extreme emergency, details of any alternative

arrangements about collecting your child at the end of the school day should be given to your child's teacher or teaching assistant when you drop them off in the morning. Thank you.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes:

If you would like to fill a shoe box but do not already have an empty one, Operation Christmas Child have produced their own boxes that do not need to be covered; we have some available in school at a nominal cost of 20p each. If you are unsure which age to pack a box for, we suggest you choose either 2-4 years or 10-14 years, as there are always fewer boxes packed for these children. Further leaflets are available from the school office so, if you know neighbours, friends or other family members who may be interested, please pick up a leaflet for them. Filled boxes can be brought into school from now until **the morning of Friday 17th November.**



Medication in School:

If your child keeps medication in school, e.g. an inhaler or epipen, please may we remind you to complete a *Parental Agreement for School to Administer Medicine* form at the beginning of each academic year. Please may we ask you to ensure that your child's medication is in date and that you take home any medication that is no longer needed in school. A copy of the agreement can be found on our website together with the school's *Administering Medicine Policy* or you can ask for a copy from the school office.

Dates for your Diaries:

Thursday 16th November - Year 1 Dance Workshop at WGS
Thursday 7th December - Reception Performance at 6pm
Saturday 9th December - Christmas Fair
Monday 11th December - Years 3 and 6 Carol Service at St. Mary's, Cogges at 2pm
Tuesday 12th December - Years 4 and 5 Carol Service at St. Mary's, Cogges at 2pm
Wednesday 13th December - Years 1 & 2 Performance at 2pm
Thursday 14th Wednesday - Years 1 & 2 Performance at 6pm
Tuesday 19th December - Term ends at 1.30pm



Could you help a child to read and change their life forever?

Volunteers needed

ARCh (Assisted Reading for Children) is a local registered charity which operates in Oxfordshire Primary Schools to help children who are struggling with reading.

All it takes is one and a half hours twice a week during the school day as an ARCh volunteer in a primary school near you.

Full training is given and we provide on-going support and reimburse travel expenses.

To find out more, please visit our website:
www.archoxfordshire.org.uk
or telephone us on **01869 320380.**

The charity obtains enhanced DBS checks on all volunteers before placement.

Registered Charity Number 1146276

Dear Parents,

The weather is getting colder but the sun is still shining and we are continuing to run tennis lessons for children aged 4-16 and for adults of all ages and abilities.

There are 5 weeks of the term remaining and we would love to see you on court with us.

Not only do we have weekly coaching sessions, which are aimed at improving players understanding of tennis and giving them the best possible start, but we now also run fun game based sessions (Kids Club). These 'Kids Club' sessions are run at Lower Windrush Tennis Club in Standlake on Sunday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30am. These are 'drop in' sessions, in order to make it as flexible as possible for people, and cost just £4 for the hour.

The 'Kids Club' sessions are open to children aged 4 - 14 and all players are arranged by age on the day to ensure that everyone gets the best experience possible.

The 'Kids Club' sessions are run by the Excel Tennis Academy Lead Club Coach, Ryan Fitz-John, and our junior assistants.

If you would like to come along to one of the 'Kids Club' sessions, you can sign up using the following link or turn up on the day:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/LowerWindrushTennisClub/Coaching>

If you are interested in our weekly term time coaching sessions run at either Witney Tennis Club or The Lower Windrush Tennis Club (Standlake), more information can be found using this

link: <http://www.exceltennisacademy.co.uk/full-junior>

We would love to see as many of you as possible over the next few weeks, so wrap up warm and come along to have some fun.

If you have any questions about the sessions, please let me know and I would be very happy to help.

Many thanks,

Edward Large

Head Coach

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Sunday 10th December

Santa's on the Run raising money for Helen & Douglas House

Ho ho ho! Kickstart the countdown to Christmas by joining 2,500 Santas of all ages on this great festive 3k fun run or walk for a good *claus* around the iconic streets of Oxford, to help local terminally ill children and young adults. Wheelchair and buggy friendly. Adults £19, Children £12, Families £58, including a free Santa Suit, and under 5s free. Sign-up today at www.hdh.org.uk or call 01865 799150.



Activate:MadleyPark is a project that has been set up to raise funds for two new, inclusive play areas on Madley Park.

Please vote in the Aviva Community Fund for their chance to win £10,000:

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-5200>

It takes just a couple of minutes to vote and every single vote counts, so please make sure you get yours in before 21st November. They will need several thousand to become finalists, so please get your friends and family involved!

You can find out more @ActivateMadley on Facebook.

