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

Value of the Month: Patience

Newsletter Term 4: 2017/18 (17)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to all the Year 2 and Year 6 children for completing their SATs so positively. I would like to congratulate all the children in Years 3 and 4 for their fantastic performances of The Jungle Book and to thank all their teachers, teaching assistants and other grown-ups, who helped to make the production such a success. Wishing you all a good half-term break.

Tim Edwards-Grundy

Values Award Certificates:

Congratulations to last week's winners:

Rowan Collett, Eden Wright, Theo Charlton, Reuben Mason, Owen Morgan, Henry Muscat, Jacob Wright, Claudia Albert, Lydia Meller, whole of Year 6



and to this week's winners:

Felicity Gibbons, Emily Molyneux-Garcia, Zakiya Green, Elliot Payne, Daniel Smedley, Lola Foster, Noah Ugwu, Riley Jennings, Finley Peedell, Evelyn Donnelly-Holmes, Kai Sussmuth, Jed Collins, Karlien Matthee



Year 4 Quad Kids:

On Tuesday 15th May, a team of Year 4 children took part in the Witney Schools Quad Kids competition at Wood Green School. They competed in the Vortex, the long jump, a 50m sprint and a 400m race. Some of the children were nervous to begin with but they all performed brilliantly and, when the scores were added together, the team came first! They have now earned a place in the next round of the competition to represent Witney and The Blake at the West Oxfordshire finals. Huge congratulations to all the children.

Year 6 Quad Kids:

On Monday 21st May, some of our Year 6 athletes went to the Witney Schools Quad Kids competition at Wood Green School. They had to compete in four events: a sprint, a 600 metre run, long jump and a throw. Points were given for performances in each event and then added together to get a team total. Our athletes showed great determination and produced some superb performances to finish second, which means that they will join Year 4 at the West Oxfordshire finals. Very well done to all our athletes.

Years 5 and 6 Tennis:

On Tuesday 22nd May, a team of children from Years 5 and 6 played in a tennis competition at Cokethorpe School. The children all showed great enthusiasm and ended up winning a very close final to become West Oxfordshire Champions. They now go on to represent The Blake School in the Oxfordshire School Games Finals. Well done to Claudia Albert, Layce Ealey, Glenn Irving and Joseph Raven.

Wise Bytes:

It can be difficult to set screen limits with our children and, as parents, we often feel "on the back foot" with the speed of change on the internet and the way our children are using it. Have you considered a family internet agreement? It might sound a bit formal, but it can really help to set and review expectations and to help our children be aware of risks they may want to avoid as well as setting limits around time and where they use their devices. Each of us will have different ideas about what is important to include - the most important thing is to talk about it.

Here are two examples to get you thinking, this one is aimed at primary age children and older:

<http://www.childnet.com/blog/family-agreement>

This example is more helpful for older siblings to

consider: <https://www.police.qld.gov.au/program/s/cscp/Documents/internetagreement.pdf>

Family Agreement - Childnet:

A family agreement is a great way to start a conversation with your whole family about how you all use the internet and discuss together how to behave in a positive way when online at home, at school or at a friend's house.

www.childnet.com



Dates for your Diaries:

Monday 4th June - INSET Day

Tuesday 5th June - Term begins

Wednesday 6th June - Years 5 and 6 S.R.E. with the School Health Nurse

Tuesday 12th June - Leavers' and Sports' Team Photos

Friday 15th June - School Discos

Tuesday 19th June - Sports Day for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 from 9.30am

Friday 29th June - Year 2 Trip to Sutton Courtenay

Friday 29th June - M & M Production of 'A Little Princess' for Years 4, 5, 6

Saturday 30th June - School Fête from midday

Monday 2nd July - Sports Day for Reception, Years 1 and 2 from 9.30am

Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th, Friday 6th July - Year 6 Transition Days at Wood Green and Henry Box

Friday 6th July - Reception Trip to Wildlife Park

Wednesday 11th July - Year 6 Performance

Thursday 12th July - Year 6 Performance

Monday 23rd July - Reception Performance at 6pm

Tuesday 24th July - Leavers' Service at St. Mary's Church, Cogges at 11am

Tuesday 24th July - Year 6 Leavers' Party

Wednesday 25th July - Term ends at 1.30pm

Please see the calendar on the school website for further School Dates. Lists of holiday dates and school term dates can be found under Useful Information on the website.

Tower Hill Football Club Under 10's:

Tower Hill Football Club Under 10's have spaces for children in Year 5 to join their team. Please come and join us on a Saturday morning from 10:30-11:45am to find out more. We will be at West Witney Sports Ground until 7th July.

For more details, please contact Stuart Morrison (Manager): oxstu@hotmail.com



Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock

May half term!

sofo.org.uk/whats-on/ 01993 819211

Family Drop-in, with both Museums

Tuesday 29th May 2018 2pm - 4pm **Just Drop In**



Decorate a mini evacuation suitcase inspired by the collections of The Oxfordshire and The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museums. £2 per child.

Soldiers of Oxford Family Open Afternoon - just drop in.

Wednesday 30th May 2018 2pm - 4pm **Just Drop In**



Come and enjoy our family-friendly Museum and make a feathery friend! £2 per child. Adults and under 3s FREE.

Holiday Kids Club - Defying Gravity!

Friday 1st June 10.00am - 12.30pm £8 **Booking essential**
For kids aged 6 – 9 years. No parents!



How can you stop things falling?
Find out how with hands-on experiments, crafts and games!

Book online www.sofo.org.uk/product/holkidsclubdefygravity/
01993 810214 education@sofo.org.uk



The Hedgehog Club at Deer Park Wood

Forest School sessions for preschool children and their carers.

Every Friday during term time.

8th June - 20th July.

For more details and to book your place visit:
www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk



THE OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

The Oxford and Cambridge Singing School is for boys and girls aged 7-13 who love to sing. The Singing School was established to give children the opportunity to experience great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop their confidence and ability in singing and performing.

Pupils will learn some beautiful music and at the same time gain a background in vocal technique, music theory and history. Families are most welcome to come and listen to an informal concert at the end of each day.

For more information and to book, please see www.oxbridgesingschool.com



29th – 31st August 2018
Somerville College, Oxford

The Hedgehog Club at Half Term

29th May 2018 9.30am -1pm



At Witney Community Primary School

Do you know how to make a bow and arrow? Can you light a fire without matches? Can you cook pizza on a camp fire?

If not then why not join us at The Hedgehog Club at Half Term?

We will also:

- Look for bugs
- Dip in the pond
- Cook up a storm in the mud kitchen

Cost £11 per child. (£20 for 2 children)

(5-11 years old.)



To book your place and pay in advance go to www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk and follow the booking links.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Wood Green School Lecture Series

Charlie Walker

Adventurer, Writer, Speaker

"Through Sand and Snow"

Thursday 7th June 2018 | 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Sixth Form Common Room



"Charlie's talk was inspiring, thought provoking and engaging. His pleasant manner and sense of humour had our students hooked and genuinely considering how much they could achieve in life. We will definitely be inviting him back again!"
Stonyhurst College, Lancashire

Charlie is a British adventurer, writer and motivational speaker. He specialises in long distance, human-powered expeditions and has travelled by bicycle, foot, horse and dugout canoe. He is a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and a recipient of the Transglobe Expedition Trust 'Mad but Marvellous' grant. His 1st book - *Through Sand & Snow* is out now! www.zwexplore.com

Tickets to this event are free and can be booked via our website wgswitney.org.uk. There are a limited number of seats available, so please book early to avoid disappointment.