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

Value of the Month: Responsibility

Newsletter Term 1: 2017/18 (3)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who supported the book fair; we raised an amazing £745.73, which means we will receive books to this value. Thank you also to everyone who was able to support the Year 5 cake sale this afternoon for the Karunalaya charity.

I hope that you have all managed to book Parents' Evening appointments with your children's class teachers. If you were unable to book a time, please do speak with the teacher at the end of the school day to arrange a convenient time.

I would like to wish the Year 6 children and staff well for their trip to QUINTA next week. I am sure that Year 5 are looking forward to taking on the Year 6 children's duties in their absence.

Tim Edwards-Grundy

Values Award Certificates:

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Harry Kitto, Beatrice Sollis, Samuel Chandler, Freddie Plumb, Hanna Stewart, Mia Susmuth, Lottie Johnson, Oscar Richards, Ruby Boutayeb, Calum Hovard, Ella-Mae Gordon, Felicity Sollis

and to last week's winners:

Emily Blois, Ella Hale, Emily Donaldson, Minnie Hakinni, Amber Jerred, Joseph Osborne, Lily Palmer, Seren St. Clair, Dylan Green, Poppy Perrin-Cox, Leo Kelly-Gomes, Joseph Webley



Harvest Festival:

This year our Harvest Festival will be on Friday 20th October. Once again we would like to ask children to bring in donations of food items for our display that day. The food will then be given to the Besom Project in Witney and any fresh produce will be sold at the end of the school day. The children will be working on a variety of Harvest activities leading up to our collective worship.

Dates for your Diaries:

Monday 9th - Friday 13th October - QUINTA

Tuesday 10th October - Year 5 Greek Workshop

Friday 20th October - Harvest Festival

Friday 20th October - Term ends at 3.15pm

Monday 30th October - Back to School

Friday 3rd November - Quiz Night

Tuesday 7th November - Year 3 Trip

Wednesday 8th November - Year 4 Trip

Friday 10th November - School Discos

Thursday 7th December - Reception Performance at 6pm

Saturday 9th December - Christmas Fair

Monday 11th December - KS2 Carol Service at St. Mary's, Cogges at 2pm

Tuesday 12th December - KS2 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



Primary School Health Nurse Team Newsletter

Term 1 September 2017

This newsletter aims to provide families and young people with some useful tips for keeping healthy. Childhood is an important time to instill healthy habits and learn crucial life skills. Establishing these habits early on will help to improve your child's quality of life in the future and enable them to reach their full potential educationally.



Starting School

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce the school health nursing service in Oxfordshire. The service is commissioned by Public Health at Oxfordshire County Council and is provided by Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust. The school health nurse teams are based in community hospitals or health centres. The teams are led by a school health nurse supported by a community staff nurse and a school health nurse assistant. Contact details for your school health nurse are available from your child's school, or on our website:

<http://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/children-and-young-people/oxon/school-health-nursing/>



School Entry Health Review and Medical conditions

It is important that school staff are aware of any medical conditions your child may have when starting school, this includes conditions that may be under control and managed purely at home. The Primary School Health Nurse team can offer your child a health review, to discuss your child's specific health needs during the school day. To arrange a review please contact the Primary School Health Team nearest to your child's school. Further information about our service will be sent to all reception pupils via school during September.

<https://www.facebook.com/oxschoolnurses/>

Oxford School Health Nurses are now on Face book. The page has been running since the beginning of the summer holidays and to date has been viewed by nearly a thousand people! The social media team who manage the page have created a lively and dynamic information set that can inform parents and young people what their school nurse team can offer them. We use videos, links to other sites and also create our own media.



As well as nationwide public health messages we give local information on what's on and what services they can access. The team can see at a 'click' who has seen the page, whether they 'like it' and monitor any responses so they can be responded to in a timely manner. This page is a really useful way to inform parents of latest, local events and we will be signposting parents to use it to keep up to date on what is going on for health for their child.

Immunisations



The World Health Organisation state that the two public health interventions that have had the greatest impact on the world's health are clean water and immunisations.

Routine immunisations are offered free of charge by the NHS and are an important way of protecting your child against life threatening diseases.

By the time your child starts Primary School they should have completed their Primary course of immunisations and received their pre school boosters at your GP practice.

If you're not sure whether your child has had all their routine vaccinations, refer to your child's 'red book' or ask your GP or practice nurse. The full immunisation schedule for children under 5 can be accessed at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/routine-childhood-immunisation-schedule>

School Seasonal Flu Vaccination

The school based seasonal flu vaccination will be offered at school for children in Reception and year 1, 2, 3 & 4 between October and December. The vaccination is painless and free. It is given by a quick and simple spray up the nose.

If your child is eligible you will receive a consent form from school, please complete this and return it to school as soon as possible, completing all sections. It is essential that you supply your child's NHS number so their medical records can be updated promptly. You can find your child's NHS number in their Parent held child health record, 'Red book' supplied when they were a baby, on their NHS Medical Card or from your GP surgery.

If your child becomes wheezy, has their asthma medication increased or subsequently receives vaccination outside of school after you return the consent form; please contact your local School Nurse team on the details below.

If your child is absent or unwell on the day of the school visit, there will be a catch up clinic arranged by the school nurse team on an alternative date.



New flu email address, for queries
flu.schoolnurses@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk

Further information is available at:
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

To contact the SHN Team in your locality Tele: 01865 901295 Email: oxfordhealth.witneysnhs@nhs.net

The school health nurse for your school is Faustina Ofori



Autumn Road Safety

Autumn marks the transition from summer to winter, with the arrival of darker mornings and evenings, and much cooler temperatures. Brake's Top 5 Autumn Road Safety tips contain basic road safety messages for you and your kids, helping to protect your children from dangerous traffic, and keep the whole family safe.

1. Autumnal stroll

Five people die every day on UK roads, and countless more are seriously injured. Children's health is also affected by our congested roads: traffic pollution is particularly bad for young lungs, and childhood obesity is on the rise as more and more children are driven even short distances. Although there is often a drop in temperature during autumn, there is no excuse for not wrapping up and walking to nursery or school. Can you drive less and live a more active life? The changing colour of leaves on the trees and puddle splashing opportunities add to the adventure, as well as reducing traffic danger and pollution.

2. Getting across

Children under eight should always be accompanied by and hold hands with an adult around roads, particularly when crossing. When your child walks with you, talk to them about how they must always hold your hand. If your child is likely to pull away from you, use safety reins or a wrist strap.

Less sunshine, fewer daylight hours, and bad weather means visibility can be poor during autumn, for both kids and drivers. Make sure you find safe places to cross with your little ones, so you can see traffic and drivers can see you.

3. Sitting comfortably

In 2015 11 children under the age of 12 were killed and 200 seriously injured while travelling in cars. Make sure your child is in a modern child seat, not second-hand, that is suitable for their size and weight until they are 150cm tall. Make sure you follow the fitting instructions exactly and if possible, fit the seat in the middle of the back of your car. If you need to use a taxi, use one you can fit your baby seat into. And remember to remove any thick coats or snowsuits before strapping your child in their seat as they can stop the harness fitting properly. You can easily lay the coat or a blanket over them once their buckled up! Never hold a child in your arms in a vehicle!

4. Speedy reminder

Remind your kids that traffic is dangerous and fast, and they must never run into the road. It's especially important to stop, think and look out for traffic and find safe places to cross away from busy fast roads. If you are driving, bear the same things in mind, and go 20mph or below around homes, schools and shops – as if your own child might be somewhere nearby.

5. Be a good role model

We all know how kids love to copy grown-ups, so setting a good example on and around roads is important. Don't take risks when crossing the road and if you can't avoid the car, always wear your seat belt, stick to speed limits, and concentrate on the road. You can take the Brake Pledge (www.brake.org.uk/pledge) too.

Stay safe this autumn

Go to www.brake.org.uk/families for more advice about keeping your child safe on roads.

Brake supports families affected by road crashes, campaigns for safer roads, and raises awareness to make streets and communities safer for everyone.

'LMPS empowers young people to take personal responsibility for managing risks and equips them with the skills to cope in an emergency'



THE OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

The Oxford & Cambridge Singing School is run by internationally renowned coaches in choral music from the historic choral institutions of Oxford and Cambridge.

We hold holiday courses in Oxford, Cambridge and London for children aged 7-13. Our courses involve world-class teaching in the disciplines of choral music, and are developed to inspire young musicians with classic choral repertoire in a way that is varied and intensely rewarding.

"How lucky are these young singers. They are brilliantly taught and have a lot of fun, and you will be amazed at what they achieve in just a few days - and all in the most beautiful surroundings." - Bob Chilcott

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The Museums Resource Centre Open House

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Sunday 8th October 2017

10am - 4pm

Free Admission • Guided Tours
Conservation • Preservation
Collections • Talks

