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Loving, learning and flourishing in community

Value of the Month: Humility

Newsletter Term 2: 2019/20 (6)

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to thank everyone who was able to support our Advent Fair last Saturday, in particular the Friends and all the volunteers, who helped to make this such an enjoyable and successful event. I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas events over the next 2 weeks.

Tim Edwards-Grundy

Values Award Certificates:

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Callum, Joseph, George



and to last week's winners:

Mary, Marcus, Esme, Rory, Harry, Michelle, Millie, Mason, Reggie, Amelia, Joshua, Lily, Finley, Louis



Advent Fair:

The Friends would like to thank everyone who supported this year's Advent Fair. The fair raised an incredible total of £3,100. Year 6 alone raised £438.



Oak Group:

Oak Group would like to say a big thank you to everyone who visited their stall at the Advent Fair. They raised £100, which will go directly back into their funds, enabling them to offer more sessions to more children across the school.

Poppy Appeal:

Thank you to everyone who donated to the poppy appeal this year, helping us to raise £166.10.

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day:

This year our Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day will be on Wednesday 18th December. We are looking forward to seeing your children in their festive jumpers for which we would like to suggest a voluntary donation of £1 per child.

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals:

We may be able to claim additional funds to spend on your child's learning, if you receive certain benefits. For more information, do please ask at the school office.

Dates for your Diaries:

Years 1 & 2 Performance - Tuesday 10th December at 2pm & Wednesday 11th December at 6pm
School Closed for General Election - Thursday 12th December
Reception Children's Eye Tests - Friday 13th December
Years 3 & 6 Carol Service - Tuesday 17th December at 2pm
Reception Performance - Tuesday 17th December at 6pm
Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day - Wednesday 18th December
Years 4 & 5 Carol Service - Wednesday 18th December at 2pm

Term ends at 1.30pm on Thursday 19th December

Term begins on Monday 6th January

Deadline for on-line admissions for primary school places for September 2020 - Wednesday 15th January

Additional INSET Day - Monday 24th February

Icy Conditions:

As the weather becomes colder over the coming weeks, please take care on the paths leading up to and surrounding the school, as well as on the playground, which can become icy and slippery.

Clubs:

French Club has now finished for this term. It will resume in the New Year on Wednesday 15th January.

Judo has now finished for this term. It will resume in the New Year on Monday 6th January. If your child would like a free trial, do please come along to the school hall on the first day back, ready to start at 8am. Children should wear loose fitting clothing or their PE kit.

Premier Soccer will finish on Monday 9th December and will resume in the New Year on Monday 13th January.

Zumba will finish on Monday 9th December and will resume in the New Year on Monday 6th January.



Christmas Events 2019

Sunday 8th December
4pm Christingle Service
A service for children and all the family with Carols, the Christmas Story and Christingle candle lighting.

Sunday 15th December
5pm & 7pm Carol Services
Contemporary carol service with mulled wine and mince pies served Afterwards.

Christmas Eve
3.30pm & 4.30pm Nativity Service
A family-friendly exploration of the Christmas story – come dressed as a nativity character!
11pm Carols and Communion
A traditional midnight service.

Christmas Day
8am Traditional Communion Service
9.30am & 10.45am Christmas Services: Family services for all ages.



December 2019

Why not spend the winter with The Hedgehog Club exploring all that the great outdoors has to offer and experience the woods in all their winter glory? We might even have some snowy days!

"There is no such thing as the wrong sort of weather, just the wrong sort of clothing."

So, wrap up, layer up, and come and join us in the woods...

In January, you can find The Hedgehog Club at:

Deer Park Woods, Witney:

Every Friday during term time. The new term will begin on 10th January and run until 14th February.

As January is the RSPB's Big Garden Bird Watch we will be focussing on birds for the first few weeks – what ones can we see in the woods, how can we attract them into our garden and make sure they survive the winter.

We will have lashings of hot chocolate available and the fire will burn brightly to cook our snacks.

Cogges Farm, Witney:

You can find us here every Tuesday from 10am until 12pm. The new term starts on 7th January and we will run until 11th February.

Booking will be available on the website before Christmas and places need to be booked in advance, discounts are available for block booking.

I am also offering some free sessions during the winter months.

Please get in touch if you want to take advantage of these - everyone who books between now and the end of next term can have a free one-off session by using a discount code for booking. If you have already booked for the term, I am offering you a free session if you introduce a friend to the group - your friend will get a session free and so will you. Just let me know before you book, and I will give you the code to use to claim your free session.

Blenheim Palace Family Forest School:

These sessions happen every Wednesday, in the holidays too, from 10am - 1pm. They are free if you have paid to get into the Palace or have an annual pass. There is no need to book, you can just drop in and stay as long as you like.

The mud kitchen, bug hunting, den building, rope swing and slope sliding are always available. Each week there are other activities to take part in, and during term time, we will toast marshmallows on the fire. Come and join in the fun.

We may be changing sites in January, so please ask at Flagstaff for directions - but I will also post on Facebook once it is confirmed.

The Hedgehog Club Birthday Parties:

Does your child have a birthday coming up? Do you want a hassle and mess free party in the outdoors? Well look no further - I run Woodland Birthday parties at Hailey Community Wood, near Witney. The package includes making your own party bag, cooking a snack on the fire, hot chocolate, squash and hot drinks for the adults, as well as den building and natural craft activities. Get in touch and I can send you all the information, including costs. Suitable from 3 up to 8 years old.

Holiday Activity Days:

I am planning some holiday fun in April, May and August, so keep an eye on the website, Face Book page, or join the mailing list to hear about what is happening with The Hedgehog Club. These days will be suitable for all primary aged children. There will also be some preschool groups in the holidays. Follow us on Instagram - thehedgehogclub123 .

Finally, I would like to thank everyone that has supported the club this year and wish you all a very happy Christmas. I look forward to playing in the woods with you in 2020.

Best wishes,

Mandy

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