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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 (4)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest Festival today; I know that the families who will benefit from the Besom deliveries will be extremely grateful for your generous donations of non-perishable food. Thank you to everyone who bought fresh produce at the end of the day, helping to raise £ for Stepping Stones, Nigeria.

I would like to wish you all a happy holiday; I look forward to seeing the children well rested and ready for an extremely busy term leading up to Christmas.



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Values Award Certificates:

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Daniel Jerred, Harvey Willoughby, Callum Halcrow, Jessica Sawyer, Archie Hyatt, Edith Newman, Maya Banfield, Alana Buxton, Zoe Cole, Keenan Sprague, Max Cunningham, Year 6 for a fabulous week at Quinta



Year 6 Secondary School Transfer Reminder:

If you have not yet applied for your child's secondary school place, please may we remind you that the closing date is Tuesday 31st October.

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.**



Poppies:

Once again this year we are supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. As usual, children will be able to buy a poppy in class for a small donation. This year we also have available from the school office friendship bracelets and snap bands* at £1 each, wristbands and poppy reflectors at 50p each. If your child would like to purchase any of these additional items, please send the money to school in **a sealed envelope labelled with your child's name, class and which item/s they would like.** Please be aware that we only have a limited stock of these items.

**Please note that snap bands must be taken home on the day of purchase and not kept in school.*



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:

Monday 30th October - Back to School
Friday 3rd November - Quiz Night
Tuesday 7th November - Year 3 Trip to Roald Dahl Museum
Wednesday 8th November - Year 4 Trip to Stonehenge
Friday 10th November - School Discos
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



Safe Lives:

The Safe Lives charity will be holding a Family Fun Day on Church Green on Saturday 28th October from 10am - 4pm.

Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock



Half Term and beyond!



Family Open Afternoon - just drop in

Wednesday 25th October 2pm - 4pm

Come and enjoy our family-friendly Museum and make an autumn lantern! £2 per child. Adults and children under 3 FREE

Holiday Kids Club

Friday 27th October 10am - 12.30pm

Spooks and Ghouls! £8 Booking essential

Two and a half hours of parent-free fun and educational activities for girls and boys aged 6 - 9 years. Bubbling cauldron, glitter pumpkins, ghostly games and much more.

Saturday Kids Club

Saturday 4th November 1.00pm - 3.30pm

Gunpowder Plot! £7 Booking essential

Two and a half hours of parent-free fun and educational activities for girls and boys aged 6 - 9 years. Exploding rockets, Guy Fawkes hats, mini fireworks and much more.

Kids Take Over Museums

At all our activities, make a label for your favourite object and take part the national Kids Take Over Museums festival!



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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

To join our mailing list and for more information on our courses, please look at www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk or email oxbridgess@gmail.com

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Dear Parents/Carers,

With October half term fast approaching why not sign up for the Excel Tennis Academy Holiday Tennis Courses.

Flexible bookings and sessions for children aged 4 - 16.

Bookings can be made for:
Mornings 9am - 12:00pm,
Afternoons 12:00pm - 3:00pm
or Full Days 9:00am - 3:00pm.

You can also book just one day or a whole week, which ever works best for you.

All pupils are arranged into age groups each day to give every pupil the best experience possible.

Every child who attends our courses also receives a gift for coming along.

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

Bookings can be made on our website using this link: <http://www.exceltennisacademy.co.uk/all-holiday-courses>

The Excel Tennis Academy is also Ofsted registered so we can accept Childcare Vouchers.

As your School is part of the Excel Tennis Academy Schools Partnership, we would love to offer you a 10% discount. This can be used on a full week or just a single day. Simply use discount code 'school' at checkout to receive the discount.

We would love to see you on court.

Many thanks,

Edward Large

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