

What's on!

Book fair

In order to accommodate our school choir in the hall, we have changed when our Book Fair will be available.

You can visit our Book Fair after school on Friday of this week and Monday of next week, or before school on Tuesday of next week.

Please do support this event if you are able to.

Positive Covid-19 cases in school

We now have clusters of positive cases in Years 4 and 5, but there are also isolated cases in other year groups.

We have continued to take advice regarding our mitigations, which remain ventilation, vaccination and good hygiene.

As the weather does begin to cool, please do make sure that your child has warm clothing in school as we are aiming to ensure that there is always good airflow, whether in classrooms, or shared areas.

Adventure Zone

We are delighted that children are continuing to challenge themselves on our Adventure Zone.

In the mornings, a lot of children are sent on site by their parents and so are not supervised.

For this reason, we have decided that the Adventure Zone will be out of bounds before school – please do not allow your children to access the equipment prior to school.

Children who are supervised can continue to demonstrate their successes on the Adventure Zone on their way home at the end of the school day!

School photos

The photographer will be in school on 18th October.

Photographs will be taken of children individually and also of family groups.

End of the day arrangements

If your child will be going home with someone other than the usual contacts, please make sure that you have told their class teacher, or the adult on the door in the morning, of the arrangement.

Please also make sure that anyone picking up your child, who will be taking them in a car, has a suitable car seat that they can use.

If you need to change your plans through the day, please telephone or email the school office to let us know.

Non-uniform tomorrow

On Friday we are having a non-uniform day to raise funds for Helen and Douglas House. As a staff team, this charity is very close to our hearts as they looked after Toby, Mrs Lynch's young son, before he died.

You can support this very worthwhile cause by sending your child in with a donation tomorrow, or you can donate direct via this ['Just Giving'](#) page, which has been set up by Mrs Lynch's brother-in-law who is running the London Marathon this weekend to support the charity.

The Friends

Please don't forget that The Friends are holding their first meeting of the year, and their AGM, on Wednesday 6th October at 7.30pm in school.

If you are interested in supporting this amazing group of people as they explore how they can raise money to help fund many of our additional extras, please do come along and join the meeting.

If you arrive for 7pm you can have a glass of wine and nibbles before the business of the meeting gets underway.

If you want to know more about The Friends, there is information on our website, or you can email them on friends@blake.oxon.sch.uk

Out and About

Year 2 are going for a walk around Witney on Tuesday of next week (5th October). All children should bring a coat on that day.

Year 4 are going on two trips to local churches. On Wednesday 7th October they will be visiting the Welcome Church to help them with their question – 'Does the church make a difference in my community?' On Wednesday October 13th 4ZL are going to the Methodist Church to celebrate Harvest and on Wednesday October 20th 4LR will go. All children should bring a coat on the day of their visit and make sure they have a snack and water bottle with them.

Riding a bike

If your child is in Years 3, 4 or 5 and they cannot yet ride a bike, The Windrush Bike Project is running a series of four one-hour sessions after school on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

These sessions will be free to attend. If your child does not have a bike, one can be provided for the sessions.

If your child is interested in taking part, please contact the school office.

Harvest

As a school we will be celebrating Harvest during the week of 11th October.

We will share with you further details about how you can help and food donations nearer the time.

Lunchtimes

Our school caterers are experiencing the same challenges with supply that are affecting supermarkets.

It may therefore occasionally be necessary to make some substitutions e.g. roast chicken for roast turkey, beef meatballs for turkey meatballs or Quorn sausages instead of vegan rolls.

If you think a substitution may cause a problem for your child, please do speak to your child's class teacher. Children will always be told what the choices are for lunch when they choose.

If your child brings a packed lunch, please do make sure that it contains items that they like! As we are encouraging children to eat what they have brought it is helpful to know that they like everything!

