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

Value of the Month: Trust

Newsletter Term 2: 2017/18 (6)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much to all of you who filled a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child this year; 140 children will be blessed by your generous gifts this Christmas. Thank you also to everyone who donated to our Children in Need collection on Friday; we raised £299.31.

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Values Award Certificates:

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Lily-Mae Green, Adriana Sage, Layla Hewett, Madeleine Jansen, Harry Lane, Zoe Stratford, Jacob Gilbert, Kate Ewens, Daisy Haynes, Cameron Clarke, Marley Maskell



and to last week's winners:

Charlie Dowsett, Alfie Lewis, Mason, Finn Tysom, Finley Castree, Logan Eaton, Elysia Kerby-Bush, Abbie Russell, Jessica Smith, Sam Allen, Tom Siret, Thomas Russell, Alex Wood



Christmas Fair:

Please come to the Blake School Advent Fair, on Saturday 9th December, from 11am-2pm. Visit Father Christmas, shop for gifts, enjoy a mulled wine and try your luck on our raffles and tombolas. The Friends urgently need your help on the day; if you have an hour or two to spare, please email blakeschoolfriends@gmail.com.

Fit for Fun:

Your children have completed their Ninja challenges in our Fit for Fun lessons. Mrs Bishop and Mr Hook are very proud of the stamina and teamwork the children have shown.

Primary Maths Challenge:

Well done to the Year 5 and 6 children, who took part in the annual National Primary Maths Challenge on 15th November. They all worked hard and did brilliantly; many achieved a gold, silver or bronze award.

Warm Clothing:

Now that the weather is getting much colder, please remember that children must bring coats to wear at playtimes. It is advisable that children have a pair of jogging trousers and a sweat shirt in their PE kit for outside PE.



Snow/Emergency Closure:

In the event of snow/emergency closure of the school, parents will be notified by text message via eSchools, so please let us know of any changes to your contact details as soon as possible. Snow closures will also be on the OCC schools' website and on the local radio stations (BBC Radio Oxford and Heart).



Witney Junior Squash Club is a junior squash club for ages 6-18 years and is held at the Windrush Leisure Centre on Saturday mornings. We provide coaching, games and tournaments. Squash is a great way to keep fit and make new friends.

Come along and join us for a free 'try out' session. For more information, please email: mail@witneyjuniorsquashclub.com .



Christmas Tree:

Our Christmas tree will be arriving at school on Friday 1st December. We will be using the decorations that children brought in last year to decorate the tree, but new pupils to the school are invited to bring in a decoration to add to the tree. This might be a glittery star, a snowman, a bauble or a homemade decoration; the choice is yours. Please could your child bring in their decoration, with their name written clearly but discretely on it. Thank you.

Dates for your Diaries:

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 December - Christmas lunch

Thursday 14th December - Years 1 & 2 Performance at 6pm

Tuesday 19th December - Term ends at **1.30pm**

Thursday 4th and Friday 5th January - Staff Inset Days

Monday 8th January - Term starts for all



Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock

Christmas and beyond!

Saturday Kids Club - Cracking Christmas!

Saturday 25th November: 1.00pm - 3.30pm: £7 - **booking essential!**

Two and a half hours of parent-free fun and educational activities for girls and boys aged 6 - 9 years. There will be Christmassy craft with LED tea lights, a 'snow shoveling' challenge and a chance to make a gift box inspired by Princess Mary in WW1, as well as festive trails and games.

Family Open Afternoon - just drop in!

Wednesday 20th December: 2pm - 4pm: £2 per child, adults and children under 3 FREE.

Come and enjoy our family-friendly Museum and make something special for Christmas.

Looking ahead.....Saturday Kids Club - Dungeons and Dragons!

Saturday 13th January 2018 1.00pm - 3.30pm: £7 - **booking essential!**

Not the legendary game but an action-packed session with Medieval armour and knightly attire!

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Witney Inter-Church Singers
present

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!



A concert of Christmas music
incorporating 'Simeon' by Roger Jones

Saturday 2nd December at 7.30 pm
Sunday 3rd December at 6.30 pm

at the Congregational Church, Witney

Tickets: £7.50 from St Andrew's Bookshop
or from choir members

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