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

Value of the Month: Honesty

Newsletter Term 1: 2018/19 (3)

Dear Parents/Carers,

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 responsibilities in their absence.

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Values Award Certificates:

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Alfie Austen, Freddie James, Millie Baker, Beatrice Sollis, Amelia Burgoyne, Jessica Sawyer, Isobel Hurley, Mia Sussmuth, Amelia Sollis, Ruby Clarke, Jaydn Just



and to last week's winners:

Imogen Jones, Jacob Lee, Rosie Castree, Luke Green, Mason, Louie Park, Charlotte Francis, Amber Jerred, Lottie Harris, Isabella Mason, Dylan Green, Norhan Mustafa



Harvest Festival:

Today we celebrated Harvest Festival and every class participated in Collective Worship. Thank you to everyone who brought in donations of food items for our display today. Non-perishable items were collected by the Besom Project for distribution to local families in need. Thank you also to everyone who brought in fresh produce and who bought these items at the end of the day. The money raised will go to our link school, Stepping Stones, in Nigeria.



Flu Vaccinations:

If you have not yet returned your flu vaccination form, please could you do so on **Monday**. Thank you.

Friends' AGM:

Thank you to everyone who attended the Friends' AGM last week. We now have a new Chair, Catherine Morgan, who is looking forward to organising an exciting year ahead of fund-raising activities.

SENCO Available at Parents' Evenings:

Mrs Banbury, the school's Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO), will be available to meet with parents and carers to discuss children's Individual Education Plans (IEPs) from 3.30pm on Tuesday 16th October. If you would like to arrange a consultation with her, please speak to a member of staff in the school office. She will make contact with parents and carers unable to meet with her on that day.

Dates for your Diaries:

Harvest Festival - Friday 5th October
Quinta Residential - 8th - 12th October
RE and Art Week - 15th - 18th October

INSET Day - Friday 19th October

Half Term Holiday - 22nd - 26th October

Closing Date for Secondary Transfer

Applications - 31st October


Flu Vaccinations (Reception - Year 5) - Tuesday
11th December

Reception Performance - Thursday 13th
December at 6pm

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 14th December
Years 1 & 2 Performance - Tuesday 18th
December at 2pm


Years 3 & 6 Carol Service - Wednesday 19th
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Years 4 & 5 Carol Service - Thursday 20th
December at 2pm in St. Mary's Church, Cogges
Term Ends - Friday 21st December at 1.30pm



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YOUTH PLATOON




For ages 9 – 12 yrs
3.45pm – 5pm
No parents!
£3.50
Please book ahead.

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military equipment
with local expert
and collector,
Steve Berridge

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01993 810211 education@sofo.org.uk

Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum
Park Street, Woodstock OX20 ISN
(Enter through The Oxfordshire Museum)



Fun for girls and boys!
Wot ... No stuff to do? **SOFO KIDS CLUB**



Autumn Fair

University of Oxford
Harcourt Arboretum
13 October
11am-4pm



Enjoy beautiful autumn colour,
meet British birds of prey,
listen to traditional English folk
music or taste delicious local
food and drink. Children can
have a go at spinning wool,
seasonal craft activities or
weaving willow.

Harcourt Arboretum is made up
of 130 acres, including stunning
autumn colour and some of the
oldest redwoods in the UK.

FREE with entry ticket (£6 adults, children free with a
paying family member). Buy your tickets in advance from
obga.ox.ac.uk or pay on the day

Harcourt Arboretum, Nuneham Courtenay, OX44 9PX



Cogges Church will be holding an Alternative Halloween party to offer an alternative to "trick or treating" on Wednesday 31st October from 5 – 6.30pm. All treats, no tricks! Come dressed in bright colours or as your favourite hero. No scary costumes please. For all primary aged children (siblings are also welcome). All children must be accompanied by an adult (refreshments and food for kids will be provided.)

Please sign up so we know how many are coming:
<https://stmaryscogges.churchsuite.co.uk/events/21z3jsdm>

Our regular term time activities will continue after half term. These are:

Tuesdays... *Woodland Club at Cogges Museum 10am – 12pm:*

The Cogges Woodland Club is a Forest School where pre-school children learn by playing and exploring their natural environment. There will be six sessions over one term, starting at 10.30am and finishing at 12.30pm. The cost for each participating child is £7, and £6 for siblings. Adults are £2 for entrance to the Cogges site, or grown-ups come free if they are a season ticket holder. We will take bookings for the whole term. Once the Woodland Club session is finished, you will be welcome to stay as long as you like at Cogges.

If you would like to book, please see the website or email events@cogges.org.uk with any questions.

Wednesdays.... *Family Forest School at Blenheim Palace 10.30am – 3pm*

If you have an annual pass or are visiting for the day, you can join in with sessions down by the lake for **free**. They are open to all ages and run from 10.30am – 3pm, so come down to the lakeside site, say hello, catch some butterflies, build a den or play in the mud kitchen.

Fridays...

Friday Fun at Deer Park Wood 10am – 12pm

These sessions start again on **Friday November 2nd** and will run for 8 weeks. They are open to pre-school age children and their carers. The sessions run along Forest School principles, so are led by what your child wants to do. Each week the mud kitchen, the hammocks, bug hunting and cooking on the fire are available. There is a theme each week with a story and the session ends with cooking on the camp fire, drinking hot chocolate and eating home-made biscuits. The cost is £7 per child, with a sibling discount per session. If you book all 8 sessions in a block, you receive a discount too. So why not....

Book your place and join in the fun.

www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk for booking and more information.

Any questions contact Mandy on
thehedgehogclub123@gmail.com

Hedgehog Club News October 2018:

**Spend Half Term with The Hedgehog Club
 Sunday 21st October...Apple Day at Cogges Farm 10am – 2pm**

I will be cooking apple pancakes on the fire down in the woods. The mud kitchen will be set up for you to use and you can build dens in the woods too.

Come and join in the fun. For other activities taking place on Apple Day see the Cogges website www.cogges.org.uk/

Tuesday 23rd October...Woodland Club at Cogges Farm 10am – 2pm

This session of Woodland Club is open to all ages and is a drop-in session.

The mud kitchen will be set up and den building will be available.

We will be looking at all things autumn- making autumn crowns, conker snails and acorn and conker necklaces. We will also be toasting marshmallows on the fire.

Check out the Cogges website for the daily activities during half term.

Wednesday 24th October... *Family Forest School at Blenheim Palace 10.30am – 3pm* (We also run every Wednesday during term time.)

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Sunday 28th October...Cogges Farm Pumpkin Day. (Check the website for timings.)

We will be making pumpkin muffins on the fire. The mud kitchen will be set up and ready to go. You can also have a go at building a den. Check the Cogges website for all activities taking place on that day.

