

# LPPS Newsletter

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I'd like to commend the **new parents (in Class 2 and 3)** for their collegiate work with the school, ensuring that together we were able to make the transition to 'big school' seamless. As a result, the children of Class 2 and 3 involved themselves in school life quickly and with some confidence. Occasionally we find that there is a dip for some children when they realise they are coming to school everyday- keep talking to the staff about how your child is doing. This picture is repeated for the group in our **Class 1 Nursery** who look very at home; wearing dressing up clothes most of the time.

At the other end of the school, thanks to the parents who were able to attend the **Year 6 Information event** on Tuesday. It is good for the staff to be able to outline the expectations for year 6 but also to allay any worries. Don't worry if you missed this- the powerpoint we used is available on our website and was emailed to you yesterday. Remember to use the **School Jotter mobile phone app** for easy access to the school website.

Apologies for any future inconvenience but we will be locking the green door which connects the courtyard to the reception area. If you need to visit reception, please enter through the front door of the school. In some cases this will cause the inconvenience that you have to walk around the school if you are in the courtyard and want to go to reception (or vice versa). Please do allow more time on any day that you will need to do this. As ever, I'd like to make clear that this is not in response to any issue or incident, it is due to an important policy and premises change.

We greatly appreciate the contribution from parents of Mandy's class (Class 11 2018/19). Next week we will be setting a tree and a plaque from them near the bench overlooking the playground. This will be one of two memorials to our lovely, happy and caring member of staff: "Always A Smile, Instead Of A Frown, Always A Hand When One Is Down, Always True, Thoughtful And Kind, Wonderful Memories You Left Behind."

Compared to previous years, many more parents of children in year 5 and 6 attended a secondary school presentation by Didcot Girls and St Birinus Schools last night. If you have any further questions about secondary schools please get in touch with the individual schools directly.

**Tesco Bags of Help** – Remember all the blue tokens you dropped in the box at Tescos to help us qualify for their grant? Well they have turned into a wonderful piece of new play equipment for KS1 and KS2 children. A big thank you to everyone who supported us and to Tescos for their kind grant. We hope the children have many hours of fun playing on the Maxim Climber. A reminder that children should not be using climbing frames on their own before school starts or riding scooters through the playground. No arising issues but there is no adult supervision at this time.



**Free School Meals (FSM):** If you are in receipt of benefit support from the Government you may be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM). It is important to make the school aware of this as they receive funding from the Government for families that qualify for FSM; if you think this relates to you please speak to Sarah or Heather in the office as we can check whether you are eligible. **Please note this is different to universal free school meals.**

**Clubs start next week.** Remember to check our website to see if club has been cancelled at the last minute due to staff absence or severe weather. Acceptance slips went home today.

	Club	Timings	Year Group (max nos)	Staff / Volunteers	Location	Start Date
TUESDAY	Stemillions Club <a href="https://stemettes.org/stemillions/ototheb/">https://stemettes.org/stemillions/ototheb/</a>	3.15pm-4pm	Yrs 5 & 6 (max 10)	Elaine Li-Koo and Mrs Cook	Class 2	17 <sup>th</sup> September
	Library Club	3.15pm-4pm	Yrs 3-6 (max 10)	Carly Clarkson	Library	17 <sup>th</sup> September – ends 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct
WEDNESDAY	Girls Football Club	3.15pm-4.15pm	Yrs 4-6 (max 14)	Naomi Loveless	Class 15	18 <sup>th</sup> September – ends 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct
THURSDAY	Wildlife Gardening Club	3.15pm-4.15pm	Yrs 3-6 (max 10)	Zoe McLauchlan	Class 9	19 <sup>th</sup> September
	Choir Club	3.15pm-4pm	Yrs 3-6 (max 25)	Gemma Fowkes	Class 13	19 <sup>th</sup> September

## COMING UP...

Following on from successful sessions last academic year, 'Maths Matters' (run by Dr Shorrock and Mrs Manthorpe) will be commencing Saturday morning maths sessions again this year. The first session will be held on 14 September, with subsequent sessions (for Term 1) on 28 September and 12 October. The session for children in Years 2-4 will be held at 10 - 11 am and sessions for children in Years 5 & 6 will be held afterwards at 11 - 12 pm. The first session on 14 September will be a timestables bootcamp (timestables are important for children to be successful learners in much of the maths curriculum) where we will look at improving your child's ability to recall their timestables. For those children who can successfully recall them, we will look at developing problem solving skills in various areas of maths where timestable knowledge is necessary. Sessions are held at Ladygrove Primary School. To book your child a place, please email [didcotmathsmatters@gmail.com](mailto:didcotmathsmatters@gmail.com)

**Dates next week:**

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Yr 5 Cycling Stemillions Club Library Club	Afternoon 3.15pm-4pm 3.15pm-4pm	Ladygrove Class 2 Library	Selected children
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Girls Football Club	3.15pm-4.15pm	Class 15	Remember football kit
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Yr 4 Cake Crumbly Choir Club Wildlife Gardening Club	3.10pm 3.15pm-4pm 3.15pm-4.15pm	Courtyard Class 13 Class 9	Don't forget to bring in cakes to sell Remember gardening gloves etc

**NOTICES ...**

**Reminder: Admissions to school (Academic Year 20/19):** If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 you must apply for a school place for your child for entry in the academic year September 2020. You will be able to apply on-line from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019. Please visit [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) for further information. NB The deadline line date for online applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

**Please remember the following:-**

- It is the responsibility of parents/carers to apply for a school place by the deadline of 15 January 2020
- If your child is attending nursery classes within a primary school, you must still apply for a place in the main school
- You can list three different schools in order of preference. We strongly advise you to use all three preferences
- We advise you to enter your catchment (or designated) school as one of your preferences
- Attending your catchment school does not entitle you to free home to school transport if it is not your closest school and / under 2 miles away
- If your application is late, you are far less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools.

Click on this link for easy access to OCC website <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place>

**Reminder: Admissions to Secondary School:**

Year 6 parents can now apply on line for secondary schools and the closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

Remember, to ensure your child transfers to the school that you consider most appropriate, you must apply before the closing date.

Click on this link for easy access to OCC website. <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/secondary-school>

For transport information click on this link <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/travelling-school>

All secondary schools have open mornings and information evenings. Check out their individual websites for further information.

Further to the success of the **school uniform sale** at the summer fête, PALS are introducing a school uniform recycling and fundraising scheme available all year round in the courtyard. Donated uniform and unclaimed lost property (washed) can be found in the plastic boxes in the courtyard, arranged by size (girls and boys in together). Please feel free to have a rummage, take whatever you need and make a donation through the office (suggested donation of 50p per item).

When your children outgrow their uniform please feel free to donate it to the sale by popping it into the big green bin next to lost property. At the end of each term we will also empty the lost property and anything unlabelled will be washed and added to the sale. Labelled items will be put back into lost property until the end of the summer term.

All money raised will go back into school via PALS to buy vital equipment for school.

Thank you for your support.

Click on this link for a leaflet about Reading and well-being from The National Literacy Trust for Parents. It has useful tips for parents about how literacy can really benefit your child's well-being. [https://cdn.literacytrust.org.uk/media/documents/Reading\\_and\\_wellbeing\\_tips\\_for\\_parents\\_-\\_Stoke.pdf](https://cdn.literacytrust.org.uk/media/documents/Reading_and_wellbeing_tips_for_parents_-_Stoke.pdf)



We have a **lunchtime supervisor vacancy** in school. Monday-Friday, 11.30am-1pm to start as soon as possible.

If you are interested, please speak to Sarah in the office.

*Due to this post having access to children, candidates will be required to undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS). The possession of a criminal record will not necessarily prevent an applicant from obtaining this post, as all cases are judged individually according to the nature of the role and information provided. DBS checks and references are conditional to appointment.*

At various times through the year we will use **video clips/DVDs** to enhance our curriculum. The clips/DVDs are either suitable for all ages (U) or will, on occasions, be a PG. All PG films will be vetted for their content before showing them to the children. We would like your permission to allow your child to watch a PG film. Please email us OR complete the slip below only **if you are not** willing to allow your child to watch a pre checked PG film in school.

✕.....

Child's name:..... Class:.....

I **DO NOT** give permission for my child to watch a PG rated film in school.

Signed:..... Date:.....

**Andrew Markham and the school team**

# Didcot Girls' School

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## School Tours October 2019

Monday 7th      Wednesday 9th      Friday 11th  
Tuesday 15th    Thursday 17th      Monday 21st  
                         Wednesday 23rd

All School Tours 9.15am-11am

To book a place please email [schooltours@didcotgirls.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:schooltours@didcotgirls.oxon.sch.uk)

### Open Evening

Wednesday 2nd October 2019

4.30pm - 7.30pm

No booking required

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**Open Events**

**Open Mornings**  
Wed 2nd October  
Tues 8th October  
Fri 18th October  
Thurs 24th October

**Open Evening**  
Wednesday 25th September  
2019, 5.30 - 8.00pm.

To book your place on an open morning please contact:  
[admissions@st-birinus.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@st-birinus.oxon.sch.uk)  
01235 814444

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