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**Year 3** were lucky with the weather for their trip to the Didcot Library this week. They listened beautifully to a Halloween story read to them by the librarian and had fun picking a wide range of books. Thank you to our parent volunteers who helped this event take place safely and for their support to the children in picking books they are excited to read. If you have any Didcot books still at home from Year 2 trips, please return them to the library or bring them into school and we will return them on your behalf. Thank you.  
*Year 3 Team*

**Year 4** presented a confident assembly of their learning about the **Tudors** this week. There was a record turn out from parents! The children brought a light hearted approach to the serious issues surrounding Henry VIII and Mrs Andrew's attempted to make Mrs Parsons and the children dance the full length of a Tudor piece of music.

Congratulations to our new Year 5 **Anti Bullying Ambassadors** who started work with their first meeting this week. They are: Abigail, Kamdi, Oliver, Paige, Gowri, Harry, Lily and Hannah. They will be highlighting what it means to be rude, to be mean and to be a bully, what to do about these things and how the school handles them.

Our local Tesco branch have kindly donated various kitchen utensils for our mud kitchen in foundation stage. A BIG thank you to



Foundation Stage are **revamping their home corner areas** and are looking for the following: Unwanted free-standing photo frames (if possible 6x4 or 7x5), fruit bowl, unwanted clock/alarm clock, tea/coffee/sugar canisters, small child sized dressing gown, child slippers, hats and gloves, play ironing board. We also would like any nails and screws for our wood working area. If you can help we'd be very grateful!  
Thank you. *FS Team*

## COMING UP...

**Community Club** will be running next term for children in Years 5 and 6. Club will run on Thursdays (3.15pm-4.15pm) and a maximum of 10 spaces are available. Children will do a variety of 'activities' to help and support school and our local community. Club starts on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November. If your child would like to join, please either email or send a letter giving permission no later than Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday or Wednesday next week for **parent meetings**. Please be mindful that slots are only 10 minutes long. If you wish for a longer meeting you will need to make another appointment direct with your child's teacher.

### Dates next week:

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Individual school photos Scratch Club	All Day Lunchtime	School	
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Class 6 visit Didcot Library Yr 5 Cycle Test Year 1 Dragon Dress Up day Class 7 visit Didcot Library Library Club Parent Meetings	Morning Afternoon All Day Afternoon 3.15pm-4pm 5pm-8pm	D. Library Ladygrove Year 1 D. Library Library School	Selected children  Last one. Club is not running next term. Please keep to your 10 minute slot
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Term 1 Hot Chocolate Treat Ambulance Service in school Yr 6 Cake Crumbly Parent Meetings	10.30am Afternoon 3.10pm 3pm-6pm	Library Playground Courtyard School	Selected children Foundation Stage children Don't forget to bring in cakes to sell Please keep to your 10 minute slot
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct <i>End of Term 1</i>	Stemillions Club Class 1 fancy dress day School finishes at normal time	Lunchtime Afternoon	Class 1	Come to school in fancy dress!
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Closed for October Holidays			Term 2 starts on 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019

**School Photographs** are being taken on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Children will have an individual photo taken and also together with any siblings. Proofs will go home on the day and deadline dates for orders will be Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Any late orders will incur a late payment charge.

## NOTICES ...

*Message from James and Filip (on behalf of Year 6)*

We here in year 6 challenge the whole school to use less plastic in our lunchboxes. In 2018 a beautiful whale was washed ashore and unfortunately it was dead- due to our human waste. Inside the whale's stomach was over 1,000 pieces of plastic, which had caused the whale's death. Just changing one item in your lunchbox could help save the lives of the innocent animals that grace our planet. Please encourage parents or guardians to take notice and help us with this plastic madness. Please speak to any Year 6 about the use of reusable plastics and how you can help us save our world for us and our future children.

A letter from the School Nursing Team was emailed home yesterday about the **flu vaccine** that is happening in school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November. . . Consent to vaccinate your child is now via an online consent form. They will no longer be sending out paper consent forms, so it is important that you complete the form online so that your child is able to receive their vaccination. To access the online consent form, please click on the following link <https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/forms/flu>  
A copy of this letter is on our website under the newsletter tab.

It's the time of year again when the weather changes mean that more people are driving to school. This inevitably brings more reports to school from parents and public of bad **driving or parking**. Please note that we always call for the local PCSOs to do random checks at our drop off and pick up times- largely because staff do not have the remit to supervise the local community outside school. Always drive and park being mindful that there could be small children crossing the road at any place, anytime.

Continuing our series of curriculum links, here are some tips for parents taken from National Literacy Trust advice: **How reading can help with your child's well being**. Literacy has benefits for mental wellbeing: Did you know that reading and writing can be beneficial to your child's wellbeing, and help them have a happy and healthy outlook on life?

National Literacy Trust research shows that children who enjoy reading are three times more likely to have good mental wellbeing than children who don't enjoy reading.

Reading and wellbeing:

- If your child is facing a particular problem, reading a book that covers the subject could help. It can help them make sense of what they are going through, and feel that they are not alone. Your local library is free and a good place to search for books that cover a wide range of issues that your child can relate to.
- You don't have to be a great reader yourself. Audio books are a great way to enjoy stories and still gain all the benefits associated.
- Picture books can be a great way of talking about difficult topics with children. They can even work well for older kids.
- Getting lost in a good book can be a great way for a child to forget about stress and worry. It's also a great way for a child to develop empathy skills and understand other points of view.
- Reading a funny book could make your child laugh and feel happier. Reading books together is a great way to share a positive experience with your child.
- Reading before bedtime is a great way to switch off from the day. A relaxing read before bedtime could help your child prepare for a good night's sleep and wake up refreshed.
- Download a copy of our wellbeing book list for book recommendations for different ages and see our Wellbeing theme on [www.wordsforlife.org.uk](http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk).

**Bumped Heads** - We introduced three weeks ago the way we notify parents/carers if your child bumps their head in school. You still receive a first aid slip as normal but we replaced our 'bumped head' stickers with a neon orange wrist band. The date and time will be recorded on the band and it is advisable for this to **stay on your child for 72 hours** so anyone can monitor any changes. If your child does bump their head, please ensure the band is left on their wrist for **72 hours** so staff (and parents) can monitor any changes. Thank you

**BREXIT** – If you are EU, EEA or Swiss citizen you will need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 2020. Please read the guidance on [EU Settlement Scheme](#) to find out who needs to apply. If your application is successful, you'll [get either settled or pre-settled status](#)

Irish citizens' right to live in the UK will not change when the UK leaves the EU. Irish citizens do not need to apply for the EU Settlement Scheme, but their family members, who are not Irish or British citizens, will need to.

**Fees:** It's free to apply to the scheme.

The Department for Education is introducing compulsory [Relationships Education for primary pupils and Relationships and Sex Education \(RSE\)](#) for secondary pupils from September 2020. Also, from September 2020 it will be compulsory for all schools to teach Health Education.

Schools are required to consult with parents when developing and reviewing their policies for Relationships Education and RSE, which will inform schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered. Effective consultation gives the space and time for parents to input, ask questions, share concerns and for the school to decide the way forward. Schools will listen to parent's views, and then make a reasonable decision as to how they wish to proceed. **What is taught, and how, is ultimately a decision for the school and consultation does not provide a parental veto on curriculum content.** For more information go to following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education-faqs>

**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.

**REMEMBER.....** Term 1 ends next **THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> October.** School finishes at normal time. Term 2 starts on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

**Andrew Markham and the school team**

**Messy Church Event at the Ladygrove Community Centre**

The Ladygrove Church is running another Messy Church event on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 3.00-5.00pm, this time celebrating One World Week. It will have all the usual stuff – craft activities, a song, a story and food. It's free though donations are welcome.

You can find out more about it at [www.theladygrovechurch.org.uk/church-life/messy-church](http://www.theladygrovechurch.org.uk/church-life/messy-church).

Play2Give is an award-winning fundraising organisation (P2G was a finalist for the charity award in the Oxfordshire Business Awards 2018) and raises thousands of pounds each year all year round by organising a wide range of events including the annual Didcot Summer Fayre, Didcot's Got Talent Show, fundraising balls, football tournaments and more. You can read more about P2G and Sleigh2Give5 (with some pictures from previous years present deliveries) at [www.play2give.org.uk](http://www.play2give.org.uk)



**Please donate or give a gift for those less fortunate this Christmas**

**ALL NEW TOYS, BOOKS, DVDs, ARTS & CRAFTS, BABY ITEMS, SOFT TOYS, TOILETRIES AND MORE ALL WELCOME..**  
 \*For hygiene & infection control, all gifts for poorly children must be brand new\*

**DONATION ZONES 2019 - Full list online:**  
**Tesco Didcot: November 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sainsbury's Didcot: Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Partyman World, Oxford**  
**Oxford City Football Club**  
**Sainsbury's Heyford Hill:**  
 From mid November  
**AND MANY MANY MORE!**

**Play2Give's** fifth festive gift giving campaign spreads cheer, joy and smiles to those from young patients confined to hospital beds, the poorest of newborn babies, families, to those with disabilities and brain injuries and those less fortunate by raising spirits and spreading the love locally for those more in need at Christmas.

Play2Give is a fundraising organisation set up by Andrew Baker BCA, who has donated over £178,000 to local good causes since 2003.

**For more information or to donate please visit [play2give.org.uk](http://play2give.org.uk) / [play2give@hotmail.com](mailto:play2give@hotmail.com)**

