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**Christmas Jumper Day** – final figure raised is £326! Thank you to everyone who supported this event.



All of the children took part in an “Elf” event on Monday this week in partnership with The Park Club – the older children took part in an “Elf Run”, led by ‘Chief Elf’. The children set off, dressed in Christmas jumpers and hats, on a route that went out of school grounds and around the block, covering approximately 3km. The younger children were due to run a route around our field, however due to a very boggy field they took part in “Elf Aerobics” instead with lots of Christmassy activities set to music. The events were run to help raise funds for The Armed Forces Charity (SSAFA) and we managed to collect £232.50 to help this worthy cause. Thanks must go to the Park Club staff and the parent volunteers who marshalled the run route and assisted with the aerobics. Thank you! *Sam Abrey, Sports Coach*

On Monday, **Year 4** had an Egyptian Day and then Open Classrooms. The children showcased their beautifully drawn/ decorated death masks, carefully constructed sarcophagi, Egyptian god/ goddess research and also their stories based in the historical setting of Ancient Egypt. The children loved the day, commenting to many staff members how much they enjoyed being 'Egyptians'. Various staff members around the school (including Mrs Li-Koo) noted the children's great enthusiasm and excellent behaviour- well done Year 4! It was an excellent turn out with many parents and carers attending. We would like to extend our gratitude to you for your continued support and wish you all the best for 2020. *Year 4 Team*



It's been a busy few days this final week as we had our Christmas lunches on top of everything else. Our fantastic kitchen staff cooked more than 350 lunches over 3 days. Children (and staff) enjoyed a fabulous Christmas lunch whilst the mischievous elves orchestrated festive singing! A special thank you to Gill,



Michelle and Lindsey for all their hard work.

Yesterday, **year 1** had **open class rooms** and what a turn out! Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and carers for coming into school and spending valuable time with your child. The children have been so busy this term and have worked so hard. It was a great opportunity for the children to show off their learning. We ended the afternoon singing Christmas songs. Thanks for coming! *Year 1 Team*

After the fun we had on Victorian Day, **Year 5** eagerly set to cooking again last week by designing, baking and decorating their own cookies to take home as an alternative to Christmas cards. We hope they shared their efforts with you! We have also been doing a 'Kindness Calendar', to encourage thoughtful, kind or healthy little acts they can all do to keep themselves and others happy during this hectic period. We will send home examples of what they have been up to; perhaps they could continue these little acts of kindness during the holidays. *Year 5 Team*

**Foundation Stage** children (and parents) had a lovely evening yesterday in class 2 and 3. The children came dressed in their pyjamas, got comfy on cushions and rugs and then enjoyed stories in a few different ways; one story read by their teacher, several by parents and then to end, one read by Father Christmas himself! The hot chocolate and biscuits helped to make the evening a bit more special too! Thank you to all who took the time to come and help us promote a love of reading. *Foundation Stage Team*

A special visitor dressed in **red** managed to find the time to visit our youngest children in our nursery on Tuesday afternoon. He popped in and surprised them whilst they were singing Christmas songs to their parents. He handed out gifts from PALS and enjoyed listening to their songs. He then came back again this morning, visiting classes and our whole school assembly, to deliver gifts from PALS to the rest of the children in school! Thank you Father Christmas!



Well done to Emily, Sophie and Marie in Year 6 for running their innovative Sweet Jar competition over the last few weeks. They raised £13 for Friends of Oscar.

Final House Point scores for this term:  
**Oak** 5145 **Beech** 4938 **Willow** 5078  
Very close as ever! Well done Oak.

Finally, we finish school today at 1.15pm and ASC at 4pm. If your child is not attending ASC please ensure you email ASC).  
**Please ensure your child takes home everything from the cloakrooms.**

## COMING UP...

**Clubs:** Below is a list of clubs running in the spring terms. Clubs will start the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January. If your child cannot attend club please inform the relevant adult and REMEMBER to **wait outside the front door to school** to collect your child at finish time for the club leader to hand over your child.

	Club	Timings	Year Group (max nos)	Staff / Volunteers	Location	Start / Finish Dates
TUESDAY	High Five Club	3.15pm-4pm	Existing Members	Heather & Katy Manthorpe	Courts	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan / 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb
WEDNESDAY	Spanish Club	3.15pm-4pm	Only new members need to apply.	Alex Meyer	Year 3	15 <sup>th</sup> Jan / 25 <sup>th</sup> March
THURSDAY	Helicopter Stories	3.10pm-4.10pm	Yrs 1 & 2 (max 10)	Jo Hicks & Lucy Storer	Class 5	16 <sup>th</sup> Jan / 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb
	Stemillions Club	Lunchtime	Existing Members	Elaine Li-Koo	Library	16 <sup>th</sup> Jan / 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb
	Choir Club	3.10pm-4pm	Existing Members	Gemma Fowkes	Class 13	16 <sup>th</sup> Jan / 26 <sup>th</sup> March

To apply for a place in a club for your child, **please either email the school office or send in a note giving permission no later than today.** Existing members do not need to re-apply.

CLUBS MAY BE CANCELLED AT THE LAST MINUTE (WEATHER, ILLNESS)

PLEASE ALWAYS CHECK OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE TO SEE IF A CLUB HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

## NOTICES ...

**Year 6:** Please ensure that Kilvrough has been paid in full by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Your child's place is not secure unless full payment has been received.

Girls Football Club will not be running next term due to league fixtures but current members will be invited to attend league matches.

On **15<sup>th</sup> January** M&M Theatrical Productions are in school in the afternoon to perform *Cinderella* to Year 1-6 children. Each year, without fail, this touring theatrical company visit our school to briefly bring back the atmosphere of Christmas. They are experts in family entertainment of classic stories. We ask for a voluntary donation of £2.68 per child to cover the cost of this. Please pay for this via ParentPay.



**ParentPay:** Please can parents ensure they have settled any outstanding monies on ParentPay.

**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>

**School finishes today at 1.15pm**

**ASC finishes at 4pm**

*Andrew Markham and the school team wish everyone a*

# **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

