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*This month we will be looking at the following values:*

1. *Friendship*

*We will be discussing these values in classrooms and in collective worships.*

Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents,

Only 8 sleeps till Christmas! The children have been really busy last week with the Pantomime and all the rehearsals for the Nativity. They are ready for the end of term and the holiday!

We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA, all the helpers and all the volunteers who helped on Saturday. There was a lovely Christmas feel in the hall and school especially in the staff room.



### **PTA**

Thanks to everyone who came along and supported the School and Church combined Christmas Bazaar. We hope you all had a good time. I'm really pleased to announce the school made £775, as our share of the profits which are split between the Church and School. This is amazing as the money will directly support your children in school not just with some of the extra "nice-haves" but with much needed educational resources. We have an outstanding raffle prize from Saturday. It's for **Richard ticket number 865**, unfortunately the telephone number on the ticket is wrong. If you know who this may be please let him know a bottle of wine awaits him in the school office.

### **Auction of the school Christmas Tree**

Because we are all going home on Thursday night, we thought we could auction the tree so that it can go to a good home. The proceeds from the auction will be added to our film club money for our LEGO workshop next year. Please pop in the office with your bid for the beautiful tree (deadline 9.30 am on Thursday).

## PTA

### **Christmas Trees**

If you haven't already got your Christmas tree the Beane family are very kindly donating 5% of the cost of a tree bought by school families to the school, just pop down to their farm in Noke they have a wide selection of quality trees of all sizes, as well as some Christmas wreaths and decorations.

### **Nativity Reminder**

The carol services will be taking place this afternoon at 2.00 pm and Wednesday at 6:30pm with mulled wine served from 6pm. Please can we remind you that all children from Reception to Y6 are expected to attend and that children should be back in school uniform (unless they are in the nativity) for 6pm, no earlier.

### **FSU Extra hours**

We are very excited to inform you that after February half term we will be offering extra hours for our F2 and F3 (nursery) children. These extra hours will be on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon so children attending for these mornings will be able to stay all day. These sessions will be charged at £5.00 an hour. We are hopeful that we will have lots of interest in this extra provision and will send out a letter for our F2 and F3 parents to sign up later this week. If any families have siblings who are not currently in school but would like to join us in the FSU, please come and speak to the office for a letter.

### **INSET DAY**

**Please don't forget that Friday 21<sup>st</sup> is an Inset day so the children will break up on Thursday at 3.15 pm and return after the Christmas break on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January.**

### **Film Club**

A big thank you to Ms Charlesworth and Ms Inness for organising the Film Club last Friday, it was very popular.

### **Pantomime**

The children thoroughly enjoyed the pantomime last week at The Oxford Playhouse especially singing along and dancing.



Whilst the older children were at the pantomime, the nursery children had fun at their Christmas party.



## Swimming

Please do not forget that Year 3/4 children have swimming lessons from Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019 so please make sure that they bring a swimming costume, a hat, a towel and some goggles (if required) in the morning when they arrive at school.

## CAST

Maxine from ASL will be running a gymnastics club starting in January on a Friday for all year groups. The cost will be £5 per child per session and she would run this in 6 week blocks. The football club will continue on Tuesdays after school.

If your child is interested, please can you contact Maxine directly using the details below.

Email: [m.ingram@advancedsportsltd.com](mailto:m.ingram@advancedsportsltd.com)

Web: [www.advancedsportsltd.com](http://www.advancedsportsltd.com)

£4 per session



Advanced Sports Ltd  
**Football Club**  
All Years

Tuesdays 3:15-4:30



Only 16 spaces available.  
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Clubs commence on the week beginning 7th January until week commencing 11th February  
Bookings are allocated on a first come, first serve basis through our online booking system

For further enquiries contact Maxine Ingram  
[m.ingram@advancedsportsltd.com](mailto:m.ingram@advancedsportsltd.com) 07901 792248

## Primary School Place

### **Is your child 3 or 4 years old?**

Primary school place - **you must apply now**

If your child was born on or between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 you need to apply for a primary school place now. You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school. **Deadline for applications is 15th January 2019.**

Apply online at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

It's quick, easy and secure. You can get free access to the internet at many libraries and children's centres. Alternatively, we would be happy to help you in the school office. Paper copies of the application form are also available from the office.

The Admissions Team at OCC recommend that parents apply online where possible, as the school offer will be sent via text on the day. Where applications are made on paper, letters are sent too by second class post

on allocation day so may take some time to reach parents.

## **PTA**

### **Easy Fund Raising**

Just a reminder about Easyfundraising, if you haven't done already please take a moment to look at the link. It is as the name suggests: really easy to do and a way of raising funds without costing you a penny.

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/charltononotmoor/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/charltononotmoor/)

If you have ideas or suggestions for raising money or would like to join the PTA please let us know via the playground, office, email [charltonschoolassociation@gmail.com](mailto:charltonschoolassociation@gmail.com) or Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/149362305695629/>

**The PTA are organising a Christmas party for all the children next Thursday afternoon. If the children would like to come to school in their home clothes that day then they are more than welcome!**

### **E-safety**

James from Parent Zone sent us a link that you might find useful if you are anxious about your children's overuse of the internet.

<https://theparentzone.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=bd227427019036d582c40c448&id=f5419cbfcb&e=cc4d4ab66a>

### **What the teachers have been up to**

Susie Spolander (English Consultant) was with us to encourage and engage all children in reading.

Reading for pleasure is not only important because it improves performance in reading tests; it has a much wider significance for the children's education. Research shows that it brings benefits that help pupils achieve more across the whole curriculum. These include a broad vocabulary, text comprehension, grammar and general knowledge. Reading for pleasure has also been found to be linked to greater progress in spelling and mathematics skills. Recent longitudinal research found the impact of reading for pleasure on progress vocabulary, arithmetic and spelling between the ages of 10 and 16 to be four times greater than the impact of having a parent with a degree.

### **Emotional Farewell**

We said goodbye last Friday to Ms Sandy, we wish her all the best for the future.



## **Basketball hoops**

A huge thank you to Jane and Ken from Big Cheese for the Basketball Hoops and all the goodies they delivered on Friday. A big thank you to Ms Burt and Ms Beckstein for making the arrangements with Jane. The children are already using the hoops!



## **Trophies**

Trophies have been awarded to the following children for their hard work and effort:

### **Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

<b><i>English</i></b>	<b><i>Estelle (FSU) for using her b/d thumbs to help her work out which letter is b and which is d.</i></b>
<b><i>Sport</i></b>	<b><i>Jack, Edward, Wilf, Sebastian, Hope, Finn and George (Yr 5/6) for coming third in the swimming gala, well done.</i></b>



## Stars of the Week



FSU	Seb for working hard at rhyming.
Year 1/2	Fletcher for really working hard and putting all his oomph into everything he does.
Year 3/4	Willem for being a fantastic helper in the classroom this week and always giving 100% in everything he does.
Year 5/6	Jack for brilliant focus and improvement with spelling punctuation, grammar and extended writing.



Unfortunately Seb had already gone home.



### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00 pm & Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 6.30 pm	Carol Services – Nativity Play
MONDAY 7 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019	FIRST DAY BACK AT SCHOOL
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 2.30 pm	Sharing & Celebration Assembly

### Gardening Sessions

Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Yr 1/2
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Yr 3/4
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Yr 5/6

## Events outside school:

Could you support a family in your local area?

### Information Session

We are looking for volunteers in Bicester!

If you have 2-3 hours to spare each week, could you befriend a local family? We value your experience as a parent and are recruiting volunteers to support families with children under 5 in their own homes. Full training and expenses provided. Our next preparation course starting in Banbury in January 2019.

Interested? We will be at Bicester Library on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 10.30 - 12.30 and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January from 12.30-2.30

Please pop along and see us, and find out more about becoming a Home-Start volunteer in your local community.

Contact Jane, Angela, Karen or Diane

Tel (01295) 266358

Email: [info@home-startbanbury.org.uk](mailto:info@home-startbanbury.org.uk)

[www.home-startbanbury.org.uk](http://www.home-startbanbury.org.uk)

Applicants will be subject to a DBS check

Registered charity No 1114860



Best wishes

Mrs Bending and the Team

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CHALLENGE

Security

HAPPINESS

ENCOURAGEMENT

FRIENDSHIP

POSITIVITY

ENTHUSIASM

Kindness

LOVE Independence

MOTIVATION