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This month we will be looking at the following values:

- Thankfulness
- Going for goals
- Self-belief

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

*We are also looking at our **Golden Rules**:*

- Be friendly, respectful and kind
 - Be responsible
- Be the best you can be

Friday, 11th January 2019

Dear Parents,

I hope all the children had a wonderful time with their families and friends during the holiday and that they are ready for the new term.

Staff changes

The Governors would like to thank Mrs Bending for all of her hard work and successes leading the school as Interim Head.

We are now looking at taking the next step towards a permanent solution for the leadership of the school. The position was advertised over Christmas but when the Governors met with the Local Authority and the Diocese at the beginning of the week to shortlist the candidates, they took the decision to not interview at this time. We will be advertising for the position again shortly, with a view to a new Head starting with us in September.

I have thoroughly enjoyed steering the school over the last term but whilst my own children are of primary age, my husband working increasingly more abroad, ultimately my heart and passion is in the classroom, teaching the children. Therefore, I took the decision not to apply for the Headteacher position. In the meantime, I will continue to be the Interim Head until September.

Sadly, Miss Sherwood will be leaving us at February half term. To minimize impact for the children, I have taken the decision that I will be the teacher in Year 3 and 4 until September, supported by Mrs Roberts. I have taught the children previously when they were in KS1 and will be able to hit the ground running. Mrs Ellam will increase her hours and will be teaching full-time in Year 5 and 6.

Once we have appointed a new Head, we will review the staff structure across the school and look at where best to use the skills and resources we will then have.

Golden Rules

We would like to invite all the children to participate in our Golden Rules Poster Competition. There will be prizes for the winners. Please have all entries into the office by **Friday 18th January**. Winners will be announced in Assembly.

Gymnastics with ASL

Maxine who is a qualified gymnastics coach is in teaching Y1/2 and Y5/6 children this term. In this week's lesson they put together some amazing balances. There are still places for ASLS Gymnastic after school club, so please contact Maxine if your child is interested.

Email: m.ingram@advancedsportsltd.com

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Attendance

The attendance last term improved greatly so thank you to everyone for their help in getting to that point. We are striving to be above the national average of 96% for every child so we appreciate your help in reaching this target.

PTA

Thank you to everyone for supporting the PTA last term you have raised over £1,800 which is fantastic. The PTA committee is busy planning events for this year which we hope you will enjoy and support. For this term we're planning a family Bingo, winter disco and Easter Event which will include the much-loved Easter Hunt, as well as a few Tuck Shop Fridays. Look out for dates in newsletters, on Facebook and playground posters.

Another Rags to Riches clothing collection has been arranged for 12th March and collection bags will be sent out nearer the time. We're looking for good quality second hand clothing. They do not take school uniform, but this can be donated to the Pre-loved uniform collection at school.

Unwanted Gift Amnesty

Did you receive any unwanted Christmas presents please consider donating to the PTA for use in future raffles /tombola's? Just bring them into the office.

Easy Fund Raising

If you're internet shopping or even booking a holiday on line have a look at doing it through the Easy Fund-Raising site as money will be donated to the school from 0.5% to 6% of your spend. See the link below.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/charltononotmoor/

The PTA really appreciate all the support we receive, with money raised enhancing the children's education. If you are unable to come to an event but would like to donate to the PTA, please do this through the office.

If you have ideas or suggestions for raising money or would like to join the PTA committee please let us know via the playground, office, email **charltonschoolassociation@gmail.com** or Facebook

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

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.

Film Club

The next film session will be on **Friday 25th January**. A letter will be sent out soon.

SCHOOL COUNCIL & NSPCC

We were lucky to have Elizabeth from the NSPCC in on Wednesday and Buddy the speech bubble. The children will have come home with their sponsorship forms in preparation for the dance-a-thon on 22nd January. If the children would like, they can come to school in their party/disco clothes that day.



The school council will be holding a **dance-a-thon** on 22nd January to raise funds for the NSPCC following the Assembly which took place on Wednesday 9th January for Reception children up to Yr 6.

Please can the forms (sent home on Thursday) and money be returned to the office by Monday 28th January.

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

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.

What the teachers have been up to

In addition to the NSPCC visit on Wednesday, the teaching and support staff had NSPCC e-safety training. We would like to make parents aware of the following website that can support keeping your child safe in the digital world.

www.net-aware.org.uk

www.thinkuknow.co.uk



Trophies

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

Week beginning 7th January 2019

<i>Be friendly, respectful and kind</i>	<i>Caitlin(Yr 5/6) for being polite, considerate and for holding the door open to staff and other children</i>
<i>Be responsible</i>	<i>Aubrey (Yr 1/2) for being responsible and for reading everyday this week</i>
<i>Be the best you can be</i>	<i>Reception Class for embracing Tally Charts in class.</i>





Stars of the Week



FSU	Orla for being really kind and helpful and having a great attitude to learning
Year 1/2	Amelia for working hard all week and being a star on the first week back
Year 3/4	Junior for having a great start to the term being positive and supporting his peers
Year 5/6	Isobel for settling in well and being a star





IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday, 15th January	Closing date for on time primary applications for September 2019
Friday, 18th January	<i>need to announce NEWT narrative in newsletter</i>
Friday, 25th January 9-10am	Open Morning
Friday, 8th February 2.30pm	Yr 1/2 sharing assembly and celebration assembly
Tuesday, 12th February	Yr 5/6 trip to Woodstock Museum
Friday, 15th February 3.15pm	End of term
	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday, 25th February	Term begins
Friday, 1st March	Secondary offers to be sent to parents for September 2019
Tuesday, 12th March	Reception and Year 6 weights and heights with school nurses
Friday, 15th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday, 19th March 3.30-5.30pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday, 20th March 6-8pm	Parents' Evening
Friday, 22nd March	FSU Sharing Assembly and Celebration Assembly 2.30pm
Friday, 29th March	Mothers' Day service at church at 11 am followed by lunch at school
Thursday, 4th April	End of term
Friday, 5th April	Inset Day
Week beginning Tuesday, 7th May	Year 2 SATs
Week beginning Monday, 14th May	Year 6 SATs
Monday, 3rd June	Inset Day
Wednesday, 5th June	Yr 5/6 trip to Cadbury World
Week beginning Monday, 10th June	Yr 1 phonic screening

<u>Gardening Sessions</u>	
Wednesday 16 th January	Yr 1/2
Wednesday 23 rd January	Yr 3/4
Wednesday 30 th January	Yr 5/6
Wednesday 6 th Feb	Yr 3/4
Wednesday 13 th Feb	Yr 1/2
Wednesday 20 th Feb	HALF-TERM
Wednesday 27 th Feb	Yr 5/6
Wednesday 6 th March	Yr 1/2
Wednesday 13 th March	Yr 3/4
Wednesday 20 th March	Yr 5/6
Wednesday 27 th March	Yr 1/2
Wednesday 3 rd April	Yr 3/4

Events outside school:



money:course

A free 3-week course to help you manage your money better, and learn to budget, save and spend well

When: 10am - 12pm

Thursday 17th Jan, 24th Jan & 7th Feb

Where: The Salvation Army

Hart Place, Bicester, OX26 4FR



To book phone 01869 369160
or visit capmoneycourse.org



Best wishes

Mrs Bending and the Team

