



Dear Parents,

It was a tough start to the week when I spoke to the children about the fire at Bicester Motion and our brave former pupil Jennie. As ever, the children responded with thoughtfulness and kindness. I drew their attention to the tapestry hung on the hall wall where Jennie had sewn her name when she was a pupil here. Some of the children have shared with staff their own links to the fire and we have encouraged anyone to speak to staff if they are feeling sad. Once again, we extend our heartfelt condolences to Jennie's family and all that knew her or have been affected by the tragic event last week.

Thank you to all the parents who have supported the Park and Stride this week. We know this isn't easy in busy mornings, but the Eco Council have been really impressed by the efforts of all the children. Each day, pupils have enjoyed completing the accompanying booklets, receiving their stickers and discussing how they have travelled to school.

In Wednesday's assembly, I shared the inspirational story of footballer Eberechi Eze. After being rejected time and time again by multiple football clubs, Eze didn't give up on his dream of being a footballer and was eventually signed by Crystal Palace. As I'm sure many of you know, Eze scored the winning goal for Crystal Palace in the FA cup final last weekend. I hope this example of resilience following rejection will stick with the children.

Oxfordshire Mind working with Cherwell District Council and North Oxfordshire School Sport Partnership are carrying out important research into the mental health and wellbeing needs of young people in the Cherwell District. They're looking to hear from parents and carers to understand what support is currently in place and what may be missing. Your views will be gathered through this short survey. There will also be optional focus groups if you wish to be involved to help ensure that the right support is available for our children and young people.

Parents and Carers Questionnaire: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ParentsCYP/>

The staff are busy preparing for art week in the first week back after the half term holiday. Throughout the week, the children will be taking part in creative activities planned around Matisse's work; 'The Painter's family'. There will be an exhibition showcasing their hard work in the hall on Friday 6th June at 2.30pm. We hope you can make it.

After half term, Years 1/2 and 5/6 will be having forest school on Thursdays. The FSU will have PE on a Thursday afternoon. Year 1/2 will have PE on a Monday, Year 3/4 have PE on a Monday and Tuesday, and Year 5/6 will have PE on a Tuesday.

Wishing you all a lovely half term holiday.

Zoe Wells

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Our Stars of the Week

Elijah

Henry

Thea +
Corey

Geordie

Mabel

Kyle

Blake

Estelle

Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is FSU with:

97% attendance

**Whole school attendance
95%**

Also, Well done to everyone for getting into school at 08:45. It makes such a difference!

Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.15am-8.45am
8:30am—8:45am
Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.45am

CAST times: Mon-Thurs 3.15pm-4.15pm or
3.15pm-5.30pm.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club, Drop & Play or CAST, please book a place using the Arbor app.

All clubs are open to Reception through to Year 6 children only. If you could please try to get your clubs booked by **Midday Friday** for the week ahead, so that snacks can be arranged. As our numbers are increasing, we may not be able to accept last minute bookings due to the adult ratio's required. Bookings made after 12pm on Friday will incur a £2 late booking fee per session booked.

Please also be mindful of pick up times, if you are late picking up your child you will be charged for the later session.

Diary dates

- **2nd June—Back to school**
- **6th June—Art Week Exhibition 3pm-4pm**
- **18th-20th June— Yr5/6 Residential Trip to Youldbury**
- **27th June—Sports Day + Family Picnic**
- **1st July—Yr3/4 Trip to Chedworth Manor**
- **2nd July—Reception and Yr1/2 Trip to Science Oxford**
- **7th July—Move Up Morning**
- **8th July—Yr 5/6 to see Gosford Hill school production**
- **9th July—FSU + Yr1/2 Drama Workshop**
- **11th—School Production Dress Rehearsal 9.30am**
- **14th + 15th July—School Production 6pm**



For future dates:

<https://charlton-on-otmoor.sch.life/>

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ECO COUNCIL

A big thank you to everyone who supported Park and Stride Week. It was great to see so many scooters and bikes at school, keep up the good work! We enjoyed hearing children share their different journeys to school. We hope you felt the benefits of a little more exercise and hopefully road crossing was easier.

Our Park and stride ambassadors have been very impressed, but sadly reported one parent parking on the corner hatch lines – this is not only unsafe but illegal. Thank you again to those who took part.



PTA

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Rags2Riches. We raised **£64.50!**

Tomorrow after school, there will be an ice lolly sale in the playground. All lollies will be £1.

On Friday 6th June, we will be holding a PTA café in the school hall. Please join us for a cuppa and cake, whilst looking at the wonderful artwork the children have been working on during Art Week.

FSU

This week Reception children have been focusing a lot on numbers-strengthening their understanding of the composition of numbers to 5 and then 10. Ordering, comparing and building confidence of the position of numbers on a number line, their relationship with each other and answering 'more and less than' questions. This has included lots of consolidation and problem solving through play e.g. dice race game and building number towers using tyres in ascending order.



Year 1 & 2

It has been a very food orientated week for Year 1 and 2. We have been observing changes in materials in Science, looking at the properties of chocolate when it is a solid compared to when it has melted and turned into a liquid. In addition to this, we have been making bread and completing our yummy sandwiches. I hope you enjoy them!



Year 3 & 4

We have had a great week to round off this half term in Year 3 and 4. We have completed our beautiful 'Mountain Art' projects, which used a technique called collagraph printing. We also finished off our informative non-fiction reports in English about the Empire Windrush. We enjoyed our last Forest School session of the term and many children have been keen participants in the "Park and Stride" event this week. Have a lovely half term, everyone!



Year 5 & 6

We have really enjoyed our rounders lessons in PE. Everyone has had a go at bowling, fielding and batting to develop all their skills. We are starting to understand the tactics a little better too! We have been fortunate with the weather to have some lovely sunny afternoons in the sunshine!



Safeguarding

Please contact Mrs Gosling or Mrs Clarke should you have any safeguarding concerns.