

Friday 17th November 2017

Dear parents and carers,

Today we celebrate 20 years of Revd Cannon Andrew Bunch being the vicar of both St Giles and St Margaret's. As the Vicar of St Margaret's, Andrew has also been an ex officio governor for SS Philip and James' for those 20 years. Andrew has given all members of our school community immeasurable kindness, support and dedication and we would like to thank him for that.

South Africa Day – Friday 1st December

Come and celebrate the topic work we have been doing this term on Friday 1st December between 2.00pm and 3.05pm.

All the classes will be displaying work in their classrooms so please come and see what we have been doing.

Please come into school anytime from 2.00pm via the main reception.

Thank you.

From the children in Lilac 4



Staff changes

Mrs Rebecca Pogose (part time Lilac 4 class teacher) is leaving us at the end term. We are in the process of recruiting and I hope to be able to update you next week. We wish Rebecca the very best for the future. We are also in the process of recruiting a teacher for Blue 1, again I hope to be able to update you next week.

I am pleased to let you know that we have recruited an Extended Schools Manager. Mr Ben Sadler will be joining us in January 2018 to teach P.E. across the school, manage After School Club and school clubs as well as developing school sports competitions.

Cycling Proficiency

We would like to start Cycling Proficiency training for our Year 6 children from January so that they are fully prepared for cycling safely and independently on the road when they go to secondary school. In order to do this, we need three or four volunteers who would be willing to be trained and then who would run the sessions throughout the school year. Volunteers will be fully trained by the

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local Road Safety Team and you would also need to complete our safeguarding procedures. If you are interested, please pop in to talk to me or email the office and I will get back to you.

Miss Banfield

Year 4 Math's Challenge at Summer Fields School, Oxford

This week saw members of Year 4 take part in the Summer Fields Mathematics Challenge. Yiwen, Millie, Jamie and Hayoon competed against children from Year 4 classes from other local schools to complete a variety of investigative maths activities. These included the maths topics of shape, number and calculation. Such rich math's tasks are complex and often rather abstract, however the children performed admirably. Jamie and Hayoon succeeded in coming second in the boy's category, with excellent work against tough opposition. Congratulations to all involved, you represented Phil and Jim beautifully!

Mr Rob Miles



Children in Need

Thank you for your £1 donations.

We raised £260.14

Thank you for your help.

Student Council

Travelling to school

If your child walks or cycles to school and travels via Aristotle Lane rec or Plater Drive into Navigation Way, please be aware that there is an access road next to Aristotle Lane bridge, which is used by cars. Some near misses have been reported so please be vigilant. We will also remind the children next week about walking to school safely.

Girls on the Ball

Congratulations to the girls in Years 5 and Year 6 for their endeavours at the latest Girls on the Ball football event hosted by Oxford High School. The girls demonstrated skill, determination and teamwork as 'Team 1' won two games, drew two and lost one whilst 'Team A' won four and drew one. Well done to all involved, you were a credit to the school. Next week sees members of Year 6 take part in a School Games tag rugby tournament at Cherwell School. Best of luck!
Rob Miles



Message from Ms Karen May – School business manager

I am writing to update you on some of the changes we have made to communication with the school office.

We have updated our telephone system. There are a number of options open to you when you ring the school number 01865 311064. You are now able to leave a voice message when your child is absent from school and there is an option to contact After School Club outside of school office hours. School office hours are 8.00am- 4.30pm.

After School Club also have a mobile phone which you can send a text message to or ring; the number is 07576934172. The e-mail address for all clubs outside of the school day, including breakfast club is, clubs@philandjim.org.uk.

The new mailing system (Parentmail) is working extremely well and I am pleased to say 95% of parents have registered to receive information via Parentmail. If you need any help with registering please e-mail admissions@ss-philip-and-james.oxon.sch.uk or telephone the office 01865 311064.

Finally, this term the office staff have been working hard to ensure the service we offer your child, all parents, carers and staff is good, and I would like to thank you for the support and respect you have shown us. We are human, and do not always get things 100% correct but please be assured that this is always our aim!

Just a little reminder if you haven't already, please can you pay for the Panto on ParentPay.

Term Dates	
End of Autumn Term	Tuesday 19 th December <u>1.30pm</u>
Start of Spring Term	Thursday 4 th January 2018
INSET school closed for children	Friday 9 th February 2018
February Half Term	Monday 12 th February- Monday 19 th February 2018
End of Spring Term	Thursday 29 th March 2018



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<u>Start of Summer Term</u>	Monday 16 th April 2018
<u>May Half Term</u>	Monday 28 th May- Tuesday 5 th June 2018
<u>INSET school closed for children</u>	Monday 4 th June 2018
<u>End of Summer Term</u>	Wednesday 25 th July 2018

Dates for your diary	
PTA Swishing	Saturday 18 th November
Year 6 Tag Rugby Festival at Cherwell School	Tuesday 21 st November
Year 3 – Natural History Museum	Thursday 23 rd and 24 th November
Year 1 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park	Friday 24 th November
Year 3 Violin Assembly for parents	Tuesday 28 th November
Flu Jabs – EYFS, Year 1,2,3,4	Wednesday 29 th November
South Africa Day	Friday 1 st December from 2.00pm
Whole School visit to Oxford Playhouse -Panto	Monday 4 th December
Christingle service in church for children	Tuesday 5 th December
Prayer Meeting for Parents and Staff	Thursday 7 th December 9.00am-9.30am
Year 5 – Wychwood School for MFL day (details to follow)	Friday 8 th December
Year 1 Nativity in Church	Tuesday 12 th December 6.00pm
School Christmas Lunch for EYFS – Year 6 and staff	Wednesday 13 th December
Early Years Foundation Stage Nativity	Wednesday 13 th December 9.30am in the school hall
Year 2 Christmas carol concert	Thursday 14 th December 2.30pm in school hall
KS2 carol service in church	Thursday 14 th December St Margaret's Church 6.30pm
PTA Christmas Bazaar	Friday 15 th December

Yours sincerely,

Ms Sarah Awuye
Headteacher