



SS PHILIP & JAMES' CHURCH OF ENGLAND
VOLUNTARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

Together we shine

Friday 9 November 2018

Dear parents and carers,

After the success of the Early Years coffee morning and the Inclusion coffee morning, we have planned additional coffee mornings for all year groups (please see calendar below for details). These are informal opportunities for parents to get together with each other and with some of the staff.

National Anti-Bullying Week

Next week (12-16 November) is national anti-bullying week. At Phil & Jim, the children will be taking part in daily activities linked to the theme for this year, which is Choose Respect.

On Monday, we are going to be joining in with '**Go Purple day**', which is an awareness campaign to recognise all those who are suffering or have suffered from bullying. It would be lovely for as many children as possible to come to school wearing something purple.

We will be updating the school website at the end of the week with some examples of the work the children have completed during anti-bullying week. You can find the school's [anti-bullying policy](#) on the website and also a copy of the [behaviour policy](#) for reference.

Photographs

The proofs of your child's photograph will be sent home today. Please return any orders to school office by **Friday 16 November** to ensure you received your chosen photographs in time for Christmas.

Children in Need – Countryfile Ramble

The School Council have decided that they would like all at Phil & Jim to support Children in Need this year by joining in with the Countryfile Ramble for BBC Children in Need. Our walk will take place during the afternoon of Friday 16th November. Please ensure your child has suitable walking footwear and clothing as it could well be wet and cold. This includes a waterproof coat and trainers or boots (not plimsolls or soft shoes) as well as a hat and gloves! We will provide a snack but please ensure your child has a filled water bottle. We may need some additional adults so if you are able to help, please contact the school office.

We would ask for a donation towards Children In Need via our Children in Need Ramble [fundraising page](#). As a school we are aiming to walk a total of 900 miles and we hope to raise £800 if everyone donates £2. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Chapman

Harvest thanks

Please see message of thanks from Community Emergency Foodbank (CEF) Oxford

I would like once again to thank your school for the wonderful collection of tinned and dried food that the children donated to the Community Emergency Foodbank during your Harvest Festival Service. The food



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will be given to families in Oxford who are going through a period of crisis and find themselves with not enough money to buy food for themselves and their children.

Since October last year, with the introduction of Universal Credit, the numbers coming to the food bank have risen considerably, particularly affecting families with children. CEF provides a life line during this period of financial difficulty.

Mrs Jane Benyon
CEF Oxford director

Starting school in Reception 2019

Parents of children born between 01/09/2014 and 31/08/2015 must make an application for their child to start in Reception in September 2019. The CLOSING DATE for on-time Primary School applications is 15th JANUARY 2019 and the offer date for on-time applications is 16th April 2019.

The most secure method of submitting and application is on-line and Parents can apply on-line at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions or contact the school admissions team on 0345 241 2487 for a paper application form. The booklet 'Starting School' is also available on the County Website.

Notice board

Nut free school

We have children and staff in school with a serious nut allergy so we ask for your support to avoid risk to those children and adults. Please avoid nuts in packed lunches or for snacks.

Thank you to Gabriel, Nicholas and Lucille who are former Phil & Jim pupils and have kindly donated a number of books to school. We look forward to seeing these of the shelves on our new library!

**We take the children outside during PE sessions unless there are extreme weather conditions. It would help if your child could bring in a thin waterproof jacket that could be used during wet weather.
Thank you.**

Yours sincerely,



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Sarah Awuye
Headteacher

September 2018 dates for your diary	
PTA Swishing Evening	Saturday 10 th November
Anti-Bullying Week	Monday 12 th November
Year 3-6 Cross Country – Oxford Spires Academy	Tuesday 13 th October
Eye test for Early Years pupils	Wednesday 14 th November
Coffee Morning Years 1 & 2 - 9.00am	Wednesday 14 th November
Year 5 and 6 Girls Hockey festival at Oxford Hawkes	Thursday 15 th November
Children in Need	Friday 16 th November
Coffee Morning Years 3 & 4 - 9.00am	Wednesday 21 st November
Immunisation – EYFS to Year 5	Thursday 22 nd November
IMPS Visit – 6B	Thursday 22 nd November
Year 3 and 4 Dodgeball – The Oxford Academy	Thursday 22 nd November
Coffee Morning Years 5 & 6 – 9.00am	Wednesday 28 th November
IMPS Visit – 6CB	Friday 30 th November
Christingle in the Church 9.15am	Wednesday 5 th December
Prayer Meeting – 8:50am all parents and staff welcome	Friday 7 th December
China Celebration Day – 2.00pm all parents welcome	Friday 7 th December
3L Violin Concert – 1.30pm	Tuesday 11 th December
3S Violin Concert – 2.30pm	Tuesday 11 th December
Early Years Nativity – 2.15pm	Wednesday 12 th December
Early Years Nativity – 9.30am	Thursday 13 th December
Christmas Bazaar for children – 9.00am	Friday 14 th December
Christmas Fayre from 3.05pm all welcome	Friday 14 th December
Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Celebration in Church - 2.00pm	Tuesday 18 th December
Year 3 - Year 6 carol concert in Church 6.30pm	Tuesday 18 th December
School Christmas lunch	Wednesday 19 th December
Touring Panto visit to (whole school) details to follow	Thursday 20 th December
End of Autumn Term	Friday 21st December 1.30pm

Community news

Please find information that might be of interest to members of the school community.