

Dear parents, carers and pupils,

### Year 3 Violin Performance

Year 3's final end of term assembly was jam packed with exciting music and performances from everyone in the year group. We started the show with a violin concert led by Miss Davies from the Oxfordshire Music Alliance. This was followed by shadow puppet shows which retold a few of Aesop's fables including: The Tortoise and the Hare, The Boy who Cried Wolf and Androcles and the Lion. We all had lots of fun singing, performing and playing our violins.

*Miss Lambert*



### Year 4 curriculum display

Year 4 have had a wonderful topic this term learning all about the current problem of plastic pollution which is having a huge impact on the health and population of marine life. Year 4 invited their parents in to celebrate their learning journey and shared their newfound knowledge about statistics of plastic pollution, recommendations for what can be done at home and also some of their creative skills. They showed off the marine animals they have sewn; the coding games they have made (dodge the plastic bags!)

using Hopscotch app; music compositions to match a scene from Finding Nemo; maths survey results from an investigation into single-use plastics in the lunchboxes of Phil and Jim pupils; and recycled artwork. They also showed a dance that a choreographer had taught them the day before. It was a fun and well-attended event and we hope you all enjoyed it! Watch out for some recommendations Year 4 will be making to the school in order to reduce our single-use plastic footprint.

*Miss Maund*



### PE Kit

In preparation for September, we wanted to remind you that all children in Year 1- Year 6 at Phil & Jim must change into a separate PE kit for all PE lessons. We have a PE kit which consists of a navy school T shirt which can be [purchased](#), white or navy shorts and trainers which can be purchased anywhere.

From September we are offering additional non-compulsory sports clothing to the range of PE kit we offer. Parents can of course choose to purchase additional items such as warm long sleeved tops, skorts and drawstring bags anywhere, but if you would like to purchase items from our PE kit range, our [suppliers](#) will be available at school **Tuesday 3 September 12.00pm-4.00pm** with a full range of sizes for your child to try on. Orders can be made on the day, with delivery a few weeks after.



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#### **Afternoon Tea with Ms Awuye**

Millie (3L) won the afternoon tea silent auction at the summer fete this year. Millie and her friends were wonderful company; we talked about everything from Millie's birthday party to Brexit whilst enjoying the delicious cat cake Miss Reeder made for Millie.



#### **Staffing news**

The following staff are leaving Phil & Jim at the end of this term. Mrs Hanke moving to a special school, Mrs Porter is moving to a local primary school, Mrs Carter is working closer to home and Miss Carvell-Turner is starting her PGCE in September. We are also saying goodbye to Miss Berry and Mrs Woodward who work in the office. We will miss them but wish them the very best in their new roles. Mrs Velez, who is our librarian in the afternoons, will be taking over from Mrs Woodward's administrator role from September. We are in the process of recruiting and will let you know who will be joining us in September.

#### **Our Year 6 performance**

We wrote our own play (Last Seat, last Row) which we performed last night to our parents. We loosely based it on the book *There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom* by Louis Sachar. Doing this was a great opportunity to learn how to write scripts and lyrics and to work as a team to make something amazing.

We would like to thank Miss Banfield, Mrs Chapman and Mrs Young for allowing us to write it ourselves and edit the play together so it made sense. We would also like to thank Mrs Sonley for helping us write our own lyrics for the songs. We really enjoyed the experience- it was great fun. If you came to see it, we hope you enjoyed it.

*Vita, Sharday, Maxwell, Jack- Year 6*

#### **Admissions**

Although we are currently full in most year groups, we may well have some pupil vacancies in September which arise due to the transient nature of our community. It is always better for us to be as full as possible in September as our funding is directly linked to pupil numbers. If you know of anyone new to the area or anyone waiting for a school place, please do encourage them to get in touch with us via [admissions@ss-philip-and-james.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@ss-philip-and-james.oxon.sch.uk)

*Mrs Lisa Smith – admissions administrator*

#### **After School Club**

Thanks to everybody who have submitted their applications for September ASC. We have availability on Monday, Tuesday and Friday; please email Mr Sadler on [clubs@philandjim.org.uk](mailto:clubs@philandjim.org.uk) to reserve a space. If your child is new to after school club, then please complete an application form. These can be found at the school office.

**We will be running on the last day of term, Wednesday 24 July, however we will finish earlier at 4.15pm.**

*Mr Sadler*



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### **Holiday Courses - 12 - 16 August and 19 - 23 August**

We still have availability on our summer holiday courses. These are run by Mr Sadler, and other staff, and involve Sport, Arts and Crafts, Cooking and ICT. If you would like to book, please do so via Parent Pay to secure your space.  
*Mr Sadler*

### **Road Safety – Footsteps**

Teaching your children to walk safely to school will stand them in good stead for the rest of their lives. Children who develop road awareness in primary school are in a much better position when they make the transition to secondary school. You can find some information about teaching children about being a safe pedestrian on the school [website](#).

## **Weekly Celebration assembly**

Over and above our conduct expectations, we award house points to children for showing kindness, care and effort.

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with a Bronze certificate for being awarded a fantastic 25 house points: **Sophie (EYC), Joe (EYC), Calvin (EYC), Talya (1C), Eliana (1H)**.

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with a Silver certificate for being awarded a fantastic 50 house points: **Hugo (1H), Nicolas (1H), Julia (3S)**.

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with a Gold certificate for being awarded a fantastic 100 house points: **Rakesh (1C), Isla (1C), Lauren (1C), Julek (1H), Nour (1H), Anna (1H), Aaron (1H), Stephen (1H), Lilly (1H), Caroline (1H), Emma (2BH), Kivanc (2BH), Ismaeel (2BH), Luca (2BH), Wilfred (2BH), Aaron (2BH), Leonora (2RG), George (2RG), Charley (2RG), Abigail (4CM), Luke (6B), Louis (6B), Cem (6B), Juliette (6B), Noam (6B), Daisy (6B)**.

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with a Gold certificate for being awarded a fantastic 200 house points: **Penny (2BH), Genevieve (2BH), Henry (2RG), Amelie (2RG), Ava (3S), Ellie (3S)**.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Sarah Awuye  
Headteacher



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### PTA News

After 2 years co-chairing the PTA, Becs Ekins and Carrie Heyward are stepping down from their PTA positions. We have loved being involved in this part of school life but both have other pulls on our time which mean we need to step down. Please do consider whether you might be able to take on a co-chairing PTA role. It's a wonderful way to get to know people and to help grow the school community and invest in the school. Many of the events which we run have their own teams of people to take a lead or offer support and the PTA team are an incredible bunch to work with (thank you to you all). Please contact us through Carrie's email ([carriext@aol.com](mailto:carriext@aol.com)) if you are interested, we are happy to answer any questions which you might have.

### Summer Term dates for your diary

Leavers Assembly for Year 6	Tuesday 23 July 2.00pm
Year 6 BBQ	Tuesday 23 July 6:30pm-8:30pm
End of Summer Term	<b>Wednesday 24 July 2019 <u>1.30pm finish</u></b>

### Autumn Term 2019: dates for your diary

INSET school closed for children	<b>Monday 2 September</b>
INSET school closed for children	<b>Tuesday 3 September</b>
Start of term for Year 1 – Year 6	<b>Wednesday 4 September</b>
Start of term for Early Years	<b>Monday 9, 16, 23 September (Staggered start dates)</b>

### Community news

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

### *Scouting for the Silver Star Summer Challenge!*

Hello!

We have had lots of our supporters contact us to ask how their children can help fundraise for The Silver Star Society so we have come up with a Summer Challenge for your amazing little stars to do just that whilst, we hope, having lots of fun!

For those of you new to the Silver Star Society, we are a small charity based at the John Radcliffe hospital. Traditionally our fundraising was used for the High Risk Pregnancy unit at the JR, however with the ever





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increasing strain on the NHS we are being called upon to help support all areas of the Maternity and Gynaecology departments at the JR'S Womens Centre. For more info on what we do please visit: [www.silverstaroxford.org](http://www.silverstaroxford.org)

## Summer Holiday Science camp Spaces still available!

Register your child for a day or week of Fun Science activities!

Designed to entertain children during the school holidays with fun science activities that are sure to 'wow' them. We provide a safe environment for children to get hands-on with science, with enquiry lead activities and exciting demonstrations each day.

- Our Science activities are suitable for ages 5 to 11 years.
- All days run from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm.
- Camps cost £30 per child, per day - 10% sibling discount is available.
- All children are required to bring a packed lunch with them every day and suitable outdoor clothing.

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**Performing Arts Holiday Club Oxford**

Wednesday 7th August

**PERFORM: Roald Dahl - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory meets Matilda!**

**Children from all schools welcome**

Registration from 8.30am  
Our performing arts holiday club involves singing, dancing, drama and crafts and also includes a show at 4pm.

All our clubs are run by teachers and performing arts specialists.

**Where: St. Nicholas' Primary School, OX3 0PJ**  
**Cost: £30 per day (£25 for siblings per day)**  
All childcare vouchers accepted

To book a place please visit [www.rattleandrollperformance.com](http://www.rattleandrollperformance.com) or call 07722 014301

## LEARN TO RING THE BELLS AT ST GILES' CHURCH, OXFORD

English-style bellringing: Music on very loud and heavy instruments – physical exercise – mathematical patterns – a community activity which you can continue into your 80's – keeping up a 400-year old tradition -- all of these? Come and find out!

Instruction is free of charge – after a few initial practice sessions, we would expect learners to help with ringing on Sundays. Available as a Skill option for the Duke of Edinburgh scheme.



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Beginners' lessons 1830 – 1930 on Thursdays\*, at St Giles' Church, Woodstock Road, Oxford OX2 6HA, almost all year round but some sessions in August might be cancelled. Come to the north door and press the bell push. Inside the church, climb up 25 steep steps to the ringing chamber. (\*Other times might be arranged for a group of three or four who want to come together.) Please contact us a few days in advance at [bellringers@st-giles-church.org](mailto:bellringers@st-giles-church.org), so that we can warn you if any sessions are cancelled. Under-18's should be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult for their first visit. For further details, see: <http://www.st-giles-church.org/stgiles/participate/bellringing/>

### **Information for the school and parents:**

Learners with normal physique from age 10 upwards should be acceptable: the ideal age to start is probably between 12 and 14 (that age group usually progress faster than those younger or older). Some physical or sensory disabilities can be coped with, and we should be happy to discuss possibilities in individual cases – we had a blind ringer for about forty years.

Bellringing without previous experience can be undertaken as a 'Skill' for any level of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme; and possibly in other categories (e.g. 'Service') for those who have already had a few months' experience.

There will normally be two experienced adult instructors with DBS clearance present at all ringing sessions at St Giles.

If a teacher, or e.g. a parent backed by the school, would like to take the lead in arranging for a group of 3-5 beginners to learn together at St Giles at some other time of the week, we should be happy to try to work out arrangements.

Church membership or participation in other church activities at St Giles' is not required; but those who already have religious affiliations elsewhere should consider whether there might be any conflict.

There are sets of bells which can be rung in the same way in over 200 other towers in Oxfordshire (almost all in Anglican churches): for locations and contact details see: <https://dove.cccbr.org.uk/home.php>.

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