



*With love we flourish*

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear parents and carers,

It has been an incredibly full and exciting term so if you haven't done so already, please look at the *Sports Highlights Newsletter* and your child's class page [EYFS](#), [Y1](#), [Y2](#), [Y3](#), [Y4](#), [Y5](#), [Y6](#) on our website. We hope they you enjoy looking at some of the learning, whole school events, as well as extra-curricular opportunities that have taken place during the Autumn Term.

As we reach the end of this busy term, I want to share how thankful I am to work with such dedicated and caring support staff, teaching assistants and teachers. The hours of work my staff put into making sure the children have the best experiences possible cannot be underestimated and I am sure you will join me in wishing them all a well-earned rest this holiday.

I have also been grateful to be working with our ever supportive parent body, who do all they can to support all members of our school community. This term we have been reminded that when there is need, care and love are always shown. Our ever committed PTA committee work hard for all and I have to say the Christmas Bazaar and fair last Friday were wonderful events. There were so many parents and carers who contributed to the success of that day and we thank you all. Many thanks to all who donated to Christmas Jumper Day, we raised £40.00 which we have donated to Save the Children. The Christmas Fair raised over £700 which is being matched by OCF and this year will be donated to the Oxford Homeless Movement.

After watching our Early Years children perform The Nativity last week, it is incredible to think they have only been in school for a few months. It was a truly wonderful performance which I am sure will be remembered fondly by all who were there.

This week the children in Year 1 and Year 2 performed their Christmas Concert in a packed St Margaret's Church. The children presented a wonderful twist on a firm favourite A Squash and A Squeeze. I have to say it was one of the best performances I have seen with all the children singing and acting with gusto. We ended our Christmas celebrations this week, with pupils in Years 3- 6 sharing readings, songs and carols in St Margaret's Church. As always, we were proud of all the children who sang and performed with confidence and pride.

Finally, on behalf of the governors and staff at SS Philip and James, I would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas. We very much look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Sarah Awuye  
Headteacher

### **SIDEbySIDE Project**

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to come and help make tiles for the SIDEbySIDE tile project with the children. We are so grateful for your support and have had our first batch of tiles biscuit fired, ready to paint. They look amazing! We still have a lot to do and our aim is to get as many tiles prepared next term as we can. We still need many more volunteers, so if you would be willing to lend a hand, even just for one morning or one afternoon, please let Mrs Ponsonby know.

### **Christmas Bazaar**

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas Bazaar, whether you brought in donations or volunteered or shopped at the Christmas Bazaar last Friday, it was a huge success thanks to you! It is a day only made possible by the kind donations from you all and the hard work of the volunteers. The children seemed to really enjoy their time at the Bazaar - their delight at their shopping experience makes it a joy to be part of. We also raised over £500 for the PTA which is fantastic effort, so thank you all.

*Best wishes, Delia (Isabel's mum 3SD)*

### **House points**

Well done to the following children who have received their BRONZE award for reaching 50 house points:

**Eve, Lauren, Vivien, Cedrick, George, Naeil, Arnau, Jan, Hippolyte, Frankie, Luca, Dennis, Hagen, Oscar, Edward, Myles, Taimur, Karim, Elliot, Merry, Beatrix and Edward**

Spring Term 2020 Dates for your diary	
<b>End of Autumn Term</b>	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 1.30 pm
<b>Start of Spring Term</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
<b>Parent's Evening</b> <b>Y5 and 6 Friendly Football match at OHS</b>	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>PTA Quiz</b> <b>Year 6 residential</b> <b>GOTB Y5/6 football tournament</b> <b>GOTB Y3/4 football tournament</b> <b>Mother's Day Breakfast</b>	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 10 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2020 Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
<b>Spring Half Term Holiday</b>	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020
<b>End of Spring Term</b>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2020

## Community News

## WILLOW WEAVING WORKSHOP

Learn about willow weaving and create lots of willow crosses to display in your school.

How it Works:

- \* This workshop is ideal for upper key stage 2
- \* It lasts all morning
- \* We will work with the whole class
- \* You can split the morning into two or three sessions (one hour per class) , this way more children can experience weaving
- \* All materials are supplied by us



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Two dates remaining:  
 Thursday 16th January  
 Thursday 23rd JANUARY



Time to

**Sing!**

**Fridays**  
 10.00- 11.30 am  
 Wesley Memorial Church  
 New Inn Hall Street, Oxford



Come and try the new singing group that hopes to include you!

**First (FREE) Rehearsal: 10th January 2019**

A modern singing group for parents, held while your children are at school (but you're welcome to bring pre-schoolers with you).  
 Look forward to a wide variety of musical styles including pop, rock and musical theatre.

All abilities and voices welcome.  
 No need to be able to read music

If you would like to give it a try, or want to find out more, please email: [oxfordsing@outlook.com](mailto:oxfordsing@outlook.com)

