



SS Philip and James' Church of England
VA Primary School
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Friday 19th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been very cold this week, but the weather hasn't dampened the enthusiasm of everyone at Phil & Jim. It has been wonderful to see some of your children's work in classes, and I particularly enjoyed hearing their singing in Assemblies.

The weather and the Oxford traffic have sent real challenges to us all since Christmas, but I'd also like to thank you all for the efforts you are making to get to school on time. This week alone, the number of children arriving after 08:50 has reduced from 46 on Monday, to 16 today. We are so appreciative of the effort this has taken, and would like to thank all of you for working with us. Well done!

Key Dates

Whole School:

Classic Poetry & Recitals 2024: Recital Assemblies – invite to parents & carers

As part of our current *Classic Poetry and Recitals* project, years EYFS – 6 will be reciting their class poems in assembly either on Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th or Friday 26th January. Parents are warmly invited to attend these assemblies. Please note that due to the size of the hall, unfortunately only up to 2 adults per child can attend. Please see below for dates and times.

- **EYFS (P & J) Wednesday 24th January at 9.15am**
- **P classes (Years 1-6) Thursday 25th January at 9.15am**
- **J classes (Years 1-6) Friday 26th January at 9.15am**

Please note, attendees should enter the school via the external hall door.

Miss Pape, Deputy Headteacher

*You're
Invited*

OxTrail 2024



We are trying to raise £1000 so we can be part of the OxTrail in Oxford. The children brought home the Ox design sheets and sponsorship forms on Monday. Further information can be found on Monday's letter. All monies can be donated via MCAS. Thank you to those

who have already donated. Our current total stands at £162. Thank you so

much for your support with this exciting project!

Miss Mallon, SENDCO and Inclusion Lead



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Citizenship Week

If you are involved in a local project or group where children from Phil & Jim can be of service during Citizenship week (29th Jan.), please do get in touch.

Some examples could include:

- Baking or making food in the school kitchen for a community group
- Improving the appearance of our local community
- Helping to organise donations for a charity or food bank

Thank you in advance. *Mrs Hodgkiss, PSHE Lead*



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Football News Energised by the flood lights, Phil & Jim boys kicked off 2024 with a superb 4-2 win over a team from Thame: John Hampden School. The hosts soaked up the early pressure and scored two goals on the break, however, the visitors brought the game level soon after. The visiting side's spirit wasn't halted by the equaliser and they worked hard as a team to win the ball back. Their next chance was struck cleanly and rebounded into the opponent's net off an opponent's shin. The boys created a cushion when Gabriel blasted the ball so hard that it went through the roof of the net! The boys were instructed to park the bus and they survived a bombardment to earn a place in the semi-final of the glorious Manor Cup. *Mr Ansell, PE Lead*

Donations Request – Library books

If anyone has any secondhand copies of the following titles and are looking to donate them, we would happily accept them for our school library: Asterix & Obelix; Beast Quest; Winnie the Pooh. A big thank you for the donation of Goosebumps and Rainbow Fairy books – the children will certainly enjoy them!

Miss Pape, Deputy Headteacher

This Week's Attendance:

Year group	Attendance for Week 12: 15.01.24 – 19.01.24
EYFS	97%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	94%

Whole School Celebrations



House Cup Winners:

Congratulations to this week's house cup winners: Badgers

Writers of the Week:

Congratulations to this week's writers of the week:

- EYFS- Edmund, Caspar
- Y1- Freya Y4- Bella
- Y2- Lucas Y5- Kamran
- Y3- David Y6 – Mira



Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely,
Paul Atkins, Headteacher



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Spring Term dates	
Classic Poetry competition (Yrs 2- 6)	Tuesday 23 rd January
Poetry Recitals (EYFS)	Wednesday 24 th January
Poetry Recitals (P classes)	Thursday 25 th January
Poetry Recitals (J classes)	Friday 26 th January
PTA Quiz night	Friday 26 th January
Christingle in church	Tuesday 30 th January
Parent Forum with SLT	Wednesday 31 st January
SATs meeting for Y6 parents	Wednesday 31 st January
Year 4 Trip to Science Oxford	Thursday 1 st February
Oxtrail Sponsored Run/Read	Friday 2 nd February
Year 1 Story Museum trip	Tuesday 6 th February
Mental Health wellbeing day	Friday 9 th February
Start of half term	Friday 9 th February 3.20pm finish
Half term week	Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February
New English project: Exploration & Adventure	Monday 19 th February
Year 5 Bikeability week starts	Monday 19 th February
Parent/teacher meetings	Tuesday 20 th February
Parent/teacher meetings	Wednesday 21 st February
Parent Forum with SLT @ 9am	Thursday 22 nd February
World Book Day	Thursday 7 th March
Science Week begins	Monday 18 th March
Parent Forum with SLT @ 9am	Thursday 21 st March
PTA family breakfast	Friday 22 nd March 8.00am
End of Spring Term	Thursday 28 th March 1.30pm finish