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"Every Child Every Chance Every Day"

Friday 29th April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your Diary

We have planned the following activities and events for this term. We are keeping fingers crossed that they will all be able to take place. Government statutory assessments were not held for the last two years due to Covid. These are resuming this year, dates are included below.

Thurs 5 th May	Yr 5/6 Football match at Long Furlong School
9 th -12 th May	Yr 6 SATs week
3 rd -27 th May	Y2 Teacher Assessments
Thurs 26 th May	PTA School Discos
Fri 27 th May	Platinum Jubilee celebrations (Non-uniform day, picnic lunch and afternoon 'street party' tea)
30 th May-3 rd June	Half term
6 th -12 th June	Yr 1 Phonics screening
6 th -24 th June	Yr 4 Multiplication tests
Tues 21 st June	KS2 (Years 3,4, 5 and 6) visit to London
Fri 1 st July	PTA Summer Fayre
Weds 6 th July	Sports Day
Tue 12 th June	Whole school transition morning including new Nursery and Reception children
Weds 13 th July	KS2 Performance to parents 2pm
Thurs 14 th July	KS2 Performance to parents 9.30am
Weds 20 th July	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm
Thurs 21 st July	Term ends 1.00pm

Learning Snapshots

This term our 'Learning to Learn' focus is Imagination. The children have been reading picture books and doing art activities to encourage their imagination. Children in Years 1-6 have been playing the Shape Game – ask them to show you how to play it!

Covid

In the event of any cases of Covid amongst pupils and staff the following guidance from the DfE will be applied:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend

- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

Health and Safety

- Please can parents make sure that the play equipment around school is not used by children before and after school. This includes the Trim Trail on the field, the table tennis tables, the sandpits and other equipment in the Nursery and Reception areas. Health and Safety requirements are that "...play equipment must only be used under the full supervision of school staff."
- I would also like to remind parents/carers that cars should not be driven into school when dropping off or collecting children. This includes collecting children after clubs. Please park outside the school grounds making sure the yellow zig zags and pavements are kept clear and that consideration is paid to our neighbours.
- Inside the school grounds we ask that bikes and scooters are not ridden. Please would adults and children (including younger children accompanying parents/carers) push their bikes/scooters. We would really like to see children who use bikes and scooters wearing helmets. Children bringing bikes and scooters to school can leave these in the racks by the playground gates or by using the fence to keep them upright.
- Please would parents/carers collecting or dropping of children during the school day ensure that the school gate is closed. The latch on the gate needs to be put back so the gate closes automatically.

Thank you for your co-operation and support in helping to keep all our children safe.

Mental Health Awareness Training for Parents

Oxfordshire Youth is delivering online Mental Health Awareness Training specifically for Parents and Carers of young people. The sessions are FREE for Oxfordshire residents.

The Mental Health Awareness Training for parents and carers aims to aid understanding of relevant topics surrounding young people's mental health today. The training also explores how parents/carers can talk to their young people about the struggles around ill mental health and where they can seek support. A document is attached which explains a little bit about this.

For further information or to book on a training session, please click on the link below - To ensure a free ticket is purchased please enter just the first part of your Oxfordshire postcode (e.g OX4) into the box which says 'Enter promo code'

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-online-mental-health-awareness-session-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-296887668007>

Yours sincerely,

Anna Grice
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