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**Shine as Lights in the World**  
**Philippians 2.15**

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Value for the Term**

Our value for the term is resilience. In assembly, we will be learning about what resilience looks like in the classroom and around our school. Is it something that you can learn from someone else? We will be looking at examples of resilience in the wider world by learning about people like Malala Yousafzai, Hans Brinker, Ashley Fiolek and Michael Jordan.

**Staffing**

We are pleased to share Miss Jess Todd has rejoined our school as a Teaching Assistant working with children in Reception and Year 1/2.

**Curriculum Overviews**

Our Curriculum Overviews for each phase can be found by clicking the link below.

<https://www.wychwood-pri.oxon.sch.uk/bloqs/curriculum-overviews/>

**Calling budding ornithologists!**

You may be interested that the RSPB Garden Birdwatch is taking place on the weekend of 26-28<sup>th</sup> January. Fun, free and for everyone, taking part means you will spend an hour counting birds in your garden or local park. The RSPB then use this information to help understand how UK birds are doing. They have more information and free bird guides available on their website: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch> Mrs Mack would love to hear about what you see!

Please see the term dates below for events happening in the Spring Term.

| <b>Date</b>              | <b>Details</b>  | <b>Who</b>               |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| January 19 <sup>th</sup> | Reception Pyjama Party- 5 – 6.30pm                              | Reception                |
| January 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Athletics at Burford School                                     | Selected Year 5/6        |
| January 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Vision Screening  | Reception                |
| January 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Oxfordshire Schools' Cross Country Championship- Radley College | Selected Year 5/6 pupils |
| January 30 <sup>th</sup> | Young Voices  | Choir                    |
| January 31 <sup>st</sup> | Story Museum Trip   | Reception                |
| February 2 <sup>nd</sup> | West Oxfordshire Cross Country Finals                           | Selected Children        |
| February 7 <sup>th</sup> | Multi-skills at Burford School                                  | Year 3                   |
| February 9 <sup>th</sup> | End of Spring Term 1  | All                      |



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| February 12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>  | Half Term                                | All                 |
| February 19 <sup>th</sup>  | Start of Spring Term 2                   | All                 |
| February 19 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>  | Residential- Kilvrough                   | Year 6              |
| February 20 <sup>th</sup>  | Visit to St. Mary's Church               | KS1                 |
| February 21 <sup>st</sup>  | Hill End Trip                            | Year 5              |
| February 27 <sup>th</sup>  | Heights and Weights Survey               | Reception & Year 6  |
| March 7 <sup>th</sup>  | World Book Day                           | All                 |
| March 12 <sup>th</sup>   | Parent Meetings                          | All                 |
| March 13 <sup>th</sup>   | Parent Meetings                          | All                 |
| March 14 <sup>th</sup>   | Street dancing at Burford School         | Year 4              |
| March 18 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>26 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> | Bikeability- Cycle proficiency training  | Year 5              |
| March 22 <sup>nd</sup>   | Swimming Gala                            | Selected KS2 pupils |
| March 25 <sup>th</sup>   | Science Oxford- Planetarium              | Year 5/6            |
| March 26 <sup>th</sup>   | Year 3/4 Performance 2:15 in School Hall | Year 3/4            |
| March 27 <sup>th</sup>   | Year 3/4 Performance 5.30 in School Hall | Year 3/4            |
| March 27 <sup>th</sup>   | Tag Rugby at Burford School              | Selected Year 5/6   |
| March 28 <sup>th</sup>   | End of Spring Term- 1:30                 | All                 |
| April 15 <sup>th</sup>   | Summer Term begins                       | All                 |

### **Birthday Book Donations**

Happy Birthday to Sam (Silver Birch), Ruby (Willow), Nell & Ophelia (Rowan). Thank you for donating a book to your class. We hope you have a special day! If you would like to donate a book, please collect a donation sticker from the school office.



Thank you for your continued support.

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