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

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Forest School**

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to school last Saturday to help with Forest School maintenance led by Helen Lerwill. It was great to have so many people to help get the woodchip down to the site in record time! We also managed to help tackle the willow domes and get the pond area cleared and ready for the children to use.

**Parking**

Thank you to our Governors who have been out supporting with parking at drop off and pick up times. They have needed to remind a few parents about parking on Oak and Brook Drive. Parking on these roads does create more problems for the residents and other drivers. Also, for those parking at the school at 2:15 onwards waiting for the end of the day, it would be helpful if you turned off your engines, as there are studies that link emissions to increase levels of asthma and other respiratory illnesses. More information can be found here:

<https://schoolparking.org.uk/end-idling-outside-schools/>

**School snacks**

For one of our assemblies next week, I will be speaking to the children about healthy eating at break time. You can help support healthy eating by providing a healthy snack for your child. The younger children have access to fruit at playtime, but we are noticing that the older children are bringing in crisps, chocolate etc. I hope you can support us with this.

**Year 6 – Kilvrough Residential**

You should all have received paperwork for the Kilvrough residential this week. There will be a meeting for parents on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 5.30pm in the school hall to hear more about the trip to help you prepare your child.

**Year 3 & 4 – The Boy at the Back of the Class, Theatre Trip**

Parents should have received an email about a theatre trip to watch "The Boy at the back of the class". If you are interested in going please let us know using this google form:- <https://forms.gle/bg2zwzv4Q6tGFrbaA>



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## **CAMHS**

You'll find attached with this newsletter a flier for Parent Webinars for Mental Health Awareness. Please use the QR code for more information.

### ***A message from the PTA...***

**\*\*\*Save the date\*\*\*:**

***Before your diaries get fully booked with the unmissable bevy of of our local summer fayres and fetes, we are getting in early and have set Saturday 29th June as the date for our brilliant Summer Fayre! Pop it in your diaries and we'll bring more details in the spring!***

In other news - Happy New Year everyone! We hope you had a brilliant Christmas break!

We are easing our way into the start of the year with our first **PTA catch up: Monday 22nd January from 7.45pm at The Hare in Milton. Everyone is welcome**, so please feel free to join us for a drink and conversation around our exciting programme of events for this year!

Some of our members with children at the top end of the school will be moving on after this year - we'd love some new faces to join our merry team and help us continue successfully from September and beyond!

As volunteers, we work together to help with as much or as little as we can, there's never pressure to attend all (or any meetings), events are never onerous / nor ever the same and we always welcome new ideas!

If you'd like to find out more about what's involved in being a member of the PTA, feel free to join us for a drink on Monday eve, or you can email

Daisy [wychwoodprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:wychwoodprimarypta@gmail.com) or message any member of the PTA team via Classlist!

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 1 <sup>st</sup>	Kilvrough Information 5.30pm	Year 6 Parents

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
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> , 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 22 <sup>nd</sup>	The Boy at the Back of the Class Theatre trip	Year 3/4
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 Evie (Willow), Samuel & Charlotte (Cherry). 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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