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10<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Mornings**

I have noticed that a few of our older children are arriving at school as early as 7:55am some mornings and are not accompanied by parents. Please can you make sure your children don't arrive so early on the school site as they are not supervised in the playground at this time as school staff are preparing in the classroom for the day's teaching. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Food Bank Donations**

A huge thank you to everyone who donated food on our Harvest Festival celebration day last week. We collected a massive seven boxes crammed full of food which has now been passed onto the food bank and I know they are grateful for your generosity.

### **Staffing**

I am very happy to share with you that we have appointed a new teaching assistant, Fergus Bertie, who will be starting with us next week. He will be working in both Key Stage 1 and 2 and I know you will join me in giving him a warm Wychwood welcome.

### **Cauliflower Cards**

The children have been busy creating wonderful festive designs for their Christmas cards. Most children are bringing home their designs today along with details for ordering cards, gift tags and other items should you wish to. Any missing Artwork will be sent home on Monday. Order can be placed online, but **please return the artwork to school by next Friday** as we will need these in order to process the orders.

### **Parent Governors**

We are extremely fortunate to have had several parents who are keen to be parent governors. We have more applicants than vacancies and so will be holding elections over the next two weeks so that parents can choose who they would like to represent them. We will be sending out voting slips along with statements from each of the candidates next week and the voting will close at the end of term.



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### **School Photos**

Individual and sibling photos were taken in school on Tuesday. Your child will have either come home with the proofs today or will bring them home on Monday. This will include details of how to order any photos should you wish to. Orders are placed online and will be returned to school.

### **Flu Vaccinations**

Flu vaccinations took place this week on Thursday. If your child missed this for some reason, or you had not signed up to give consent in time, **you can still book a vaccination for your child by using the link we sent in an email on 12<sup>th</sup> September.**

### **INSET Day**

Just a reminder that we have an INSET Day on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November so children will start back after the half term break on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Secondary School Applications**

Just a reminder that Secondary School Applications are open for Year 6 pupils. The deadline for applying for a Secondary School place is October 31<sup>st</sup> 2025. Here is a link to the online application form.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/year-7-applications>

### **PTA update**

### **Disco thank you**

Thank you to everybody who helped us to run the Disco last Friday. The children seemed to have a brilliant time and we raised around £650. The funds will be used to support school in providing great experiences for the children during International Week.

### **Fireworks Night - 1st November - 5:30pm**

Thank you so much to everyone who's booked tickets already - [click here to get yours!](#)

We will also be selling via the school office and St Michael's Stores (cash only) from next week.

Plans are well underway for a lovely cosy evening with amazing hot food - BBQ and baked potatoes - hot drinks, cakes, glow toys, twinkly lights and fire pits, not to mention the Cricket Club bar!

**We are in real need of some volunteers** - without you we cannot run this event. If you can let us know as soon as possible if you're around that would be great. Please let us know what you can help with - whether it's setting up on Saturday afternoon, bringing a cake donation or helping to serve refreshments on the night - message Susie (07890 560379), email [wychwoodprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:wychwoodprimarypta@gmail.com), or sign-up on the [Classlist event page](#). Just half an hour would make an amazing difference!

**Thank you very much all,  
The PTA Team**

### **Dates for the Autumn Term**

| <b>Date</b>                                  | <b>Details</b>                           | <b>Who</b>               |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 12 <sup>th</sup> October                     | Teas at Chastleton House                 | PTA                      |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> October                     | Football Partnership event (2.45-4.45pm) | Selected Yr 5/6 children |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> October  | International Week                       | All                      |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> October  | Half Term                                | All                      |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> November                     | Fireworks Night @ Shipton Cricket Club   | All                      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> November                     | INSET Day                                | All                      |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> November | Parent / Teacher Meetings                | All                      |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> November                    | PTA Wreath Making event                  | Parents                  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> November                    | Chipping Norton Pantomime                | Year 1 & 2               |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> December                     | Reception Nativity (2.30pm)              | Reception & Parents      |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> December | Key Stage 1 Nativity (2pm both days)     | Year 1/2 & Parents       |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> December                    | Church Service at St Mary's, Shipton     | Year 3/4 & Parents       |

Thank you for your continuing support.

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