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Philippians 2.15

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February 14<sup>th</sup> 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Staffing**

Today we say goodbye to Miss Harper in Foundation Stage as she begins her maternity leave. We wish Miss Harper and her family all the best as they welcome their new baby.

### **Story Museum**

The children in Ash and Hazel class had a wonderful time today visiting the Story Museum in Oxford. With that and the party to celebrate 100 days of school yesterday, it's been a very exciting week! Thank you to all the adults who helped make both events a success. We hope the children had fun.

### **Kilvrough meeting**

Thank you to the families who attended the Year 6 residential meeting yesterday evening. For anyone who was unable to attend, we will be sending out information to you shortly.

### **Under 11s Tag Rugby**

We sent a super team of tag rugby players to a tournament on Wednesday, and they represented Wychwood brilliantly in what was a very closely fought competition. Well done to all of the children who took part and thank you to the adults who supported them.

### **World Book Day**

You will have received a separate email today from Mrs White, our English lead about this year's World Book Day, so please make sure you read that to get all the information you need to prepare for the day. As in recent years, we will be inviting the children to dress up as adjectives and we can't wait to see their outfits!

### **Message from Church**

The church is running two Experience Easter Events for children in the Easter holidays and we have attached a flyer for the events here along with a registration form. We also have paper copies of these available from the school office.



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The church have also asked if you could **bring in any Pringles type empty tubes** to school after the half term break for use in a paschal candle craft project. Thank you!

### **Road Safety**

Earlier this week we sent a letter to you about a child pedestrian Road Safety scheme called **Footsteps**, aimed at parents and carers. The **Footsteps** programme is simple to use as it can be carried out in normal everyday situations such as walking to school or to the local shops. Rather than *telling* children what to do, parents are encouraged to *ask* lots of open questions to make the children think about the decisions they are making. Making these decisions safely while in the company of a supporting adult will mean they will be better prepared for dealing with roads and traffic once they begin going out on their own.

Please follow the link to the **Footsteps** guide [Footsteps](#) and start giving your children the skills and knowledge they will need to stay safer on our roads.

### **Parents Evening**

We will be holding our parent teacher meetings on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. To make an appointment click the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUpSearch> click 'Find a Sign Up' and Enter office.3257@wychwood-pri.oxon.sch.uk into the email section and this should take you to Wychwood Parents Meetings. The sign-up sheets will be closed on Sunday evening (2<sup>nd</sup> March).

Please note that there will be **no after school clubs** on the Parent Meeting dates.

### **Year 5 and 6 maths**

We have attached a flyer for an online course for parents designed to help you support your Year 5 or 6 child with their maths in case this is of interest to you.

### **Eco-Council Birdwatch**

On Thursday, the Eco-Councillors took part in the RSPB Schools' Birdwatch with some members of the Wild About The Wychwoods, who came in to share their expertise. The children had a great time learning about some of the species of common garden birds we are likely to see in our local area and how we can encourage them to visit our gardens. We saw a variety of birds including dunnocks, robins and a red kite. Wild About The Wychwoods have also generously donated some bird feeders and bird food so hopefully we'll get more birds visiting soon!

### **PTA News**

**Dance moves at the ready – it's Disco time!**

We're excited to announce that our first disco of 2025 will be taking place on **Friday 28th March** - please save the date.

We'll be welcoming DJ Tony from 'Pulsation Roadshow' to the hall with his disco lights and decks. This disco will follow the usual fun format, with Years 1-3 in the first session (5:15-6:15pm) and Years 4-6 in the second session (6:30-7:30pm). Refreshments, face painting and pocket money toys will be available to purchase on the night, and we'll have plenty of water to keep everyone hydrated throughout.

**Advance tickets** for the disco sessions will be available via **Classlist** ([click this link](#)). Alternatively, you can purchase them at the office and during the week of the disco at pick up in the playground (cash only).

We'd also love some **volunteers** to help things run smoothly on the night, alongside some donations of **small cakes/traybakes** if anyone can spare the time to bake. Please see the **Classlist sign-up** sheet for details and sign up for anything you can help with, or speak to the office or a member of the PTA. Thank you!

A special disco session will take place for **Foundation Stage** children – our very own Nicole Lipscombe (aka Gurgle & Co) will be leading the children in some funky moves with some fun light-up accessories and disco snacks. All the children will be attending this event as it will take place during the school day. If you would like to support us in running the foundation disco, you can [buy tickets on Classlist](#).

We will send further details and reminders nearer the time. Thank you so much for your support, and we hope you all have a great half-term break.

The PTA Team

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Who</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half Term Holiday	All
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Cross Country Finals	Year 3/4 girls team
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent – Teacher Meetings	All
6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	All
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Kilvrough Residential	Year 6
10 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability Course	Year 5
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Street Dance Festival	Year 4
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Hill End Visit	Year 5
21 <sup>st</sup> March	U11s Swimming Gala	Selected children
26 <sup>th</sup> March	STEAM Museum visit	Year 3 & 4
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 3 & 4 Performance – 2.15pm	Year 3 & 4 Parents
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 3 & 4 Performance – 5.30pm	Year 3 & 4 Parents

1 <sup>st</sup> April	Vision Screening	Reception
7 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Holidays	All
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Year 4 Languages Day (Burford School)	Year 4
30 <sup>th</sup> April – 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bushcraft Residential	Year 4

Thank you all for your continued support and have a wonderful half-term break!

Best wishes,

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