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November 8<sup>th</sup> 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had an enjoyable half term break from school. It has been lovely to see all of the children back in school ready to learn and looking forward to the festive fun to follow later in the term.

### **Anti-Bullying Week**

Next week we will be marking anti-bullying week with special assemblies that focus on this year's theme: choose respect. We will think about how we can actively choose respect, and what we can do to stop bullying. **On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November we will be celebrating Odd Socks Day** with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

### **Children in Need**

Children in Need takes place next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November and we are inviting children to come to school in non-uniform and, if they would like to, to wear something spotty, something bright and colourful or something that will bring a smile to our faces and celebrate who they are! Rather than bringing cash into school, this year we are inviting you to make a donation to Children in Need via ParentPay using the following link.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=16792>

Alternatively, we will be displaying posters on the day with a QR code that allows you to donate directly to Children in Need.

### **Homework**

Thank you all for your responses to the homework survey. We are now considering all of your views, along with the views of staff and pupils who we are talking to this term with the help of the School Council members. When we have taken all views into consideration, we will contact parents after Christmas with a decision on what homework will look like in our school.



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### **Curriculum Newsletters**

We are happy to share with you our latest curriculum newsletter. Each one will be linked to a different subject and will detail ways you can further enhance your children's learning in that subject at home. This week is PSHE! We hope you enjoy these newsletters. Let us know what you think.

### **Shoe Box for Christmas**

We are collecting small gifts and Christmas wrapped shoe boxes filled with gifts for children which will be collected by the church ready to be delivered to communities in Eastern Europe. If you would like to complete a box, you can collect a leaflet from the office which details what to include. All items need to be delivered back to school by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November or can be taken to the special Shoebox Sunday service at Milton Church on 17<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am.

### **Oxfordshire Book Awards**

On Thursday this week, eight of our Year 6 pupils joined Mrs Witts and Mrs Tibble at Magdalen College School for the Oxfordshire Book Awards ceremony. Last year, all of the children in our school had the opportunity to listen to and vote for their favourite book from the picture book category and the children who went to the ceremony were part of a smaller reading group who voted on the junior novel category. The ceremony was great fun and the children had the opportunity to meet some of the authors and get their copies of the books signed. Thank you to Mrs Witts and Mrs Tibble for accompanying them.

### **Maths Parent Workshop**

Mr Leader, our maths lead, will be hosting a workshop for parents designed to help you support your child at home with their maths learning. It will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 8:45am, so do pop into the hall after dropping your children off on that day and join us if you can. The workshop should take around thirty minutes.

### **Parent Meetings**

We will be holding our parent teacher meetings on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. 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. Please contact the office if you are having difficulties. Please note that signup lists will be closed on Sunday evening.

There will be no after school clubs on Tuesday and Wednesday because of Parent Meetings – however WASP will still be running as usual.

### **Key Stage 1 NumBots competition**

Congratulations to all of the children who took part in this competition. We gave out some certificates and house points today to celebrate the children's hard work. Well done!

### **Online Safety Workshop for Parents and Carers**

We are delighted to invite you to join a one hour Zoom workshop designed to support you in keeping your children safe online. It will take place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 8:00 – 9:00pm and we hope that many of you can join us then. More details on how to join and what to expect to follow soon.

### **WASP closure – 27<sup>th</sup> November**

Just a reminder that there will be no after school wrap-around provision on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. This is to facilitate whole staff training which is taking place that afternoon and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. We would like to reassure you that we will not be closing WASP again this academic year.

### **Cauliflower Cards**

All children should have come home with their artwork for Christmas cards along with details of how to place an order. Please order online by next Tuesday (12<sup>th</sup>) and return the artwork to their class.

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

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Who</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents' Meetings	All
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Return Cauliflower Cards Artwork	All
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Socks Day for Anti-bullying Week	All
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need	All
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Science Oxford visit	Year 5 & 6
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Maths Parent Workshop - 8:45am	Parents
25 <sup>th</sup> November	U11s Boccia Tournament	Selected Yr 5 & 6
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Chipping Norton Pantomime	Year 1 & 2
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Online Safety Workshop (Zoom) – 8pm	All
5 <sup>th</sup> December	FSU Nativity – 2.30pm	Reception
11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Key Stage 1 Nativity – 2pm	Year 1 & 2
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Bazaar	All
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service at St Mary's Church	Year 3 & 4
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term – 1.30pm finish	All

**Birthday Book Donations**

Happy Birthday to Ivey (Sycamore), Aidan (Cherry), Lexie (Elm) and Freddie (Maple).  
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 continuing support.

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