



Shine as Lights in the World
Philippians 2.15

October 18th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

International Week

Each year to end the first term we have our International Week where the children learn about a range of countries and cultures. We are trying something a little different this year with children in Reception learning about China and all other classes setting off on an adventure to a different country each day. The children will spend time learning about geographical features, aspects of culture, food, language and so much more! The countries will be revealed each morning when the children 'arrive' at their new location!

As well as learning in their classes, the children will also be visited by a group of international students from Burford School. They will also experience workshops in art, drumming and dancing as well as having a go at cooking and sampling some food from one of the countries they are studying. As some of the activities may be messy, **please could you send your child to school next week with a craft shirt/apron.**

It promises to be an exciting and busy week and to start it off on Monday morning, your children in Year 1 to 6 will be met on the playground by the airport staff (wearing high-vis vests so you can't miss them!), ready to check-in and board for their adventures. Look out for the sign for your class's airline! Reception children will enter their classrooms as normal for their own adventures.

Thank you to the PTA for subsidising the week. To help cover the cost of the workshops and food we are asking if parents can make a donation of £3 on Parent Pay. Thanks also to Mr Perkins who will be our pilot next week. We can't wait!

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 Modern Languages! We hope you enjoy these newsletters. Let us know what you think.



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Parent Meetings

We will be holding our parent teacher meetings on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th 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. For parents with children on the SEN register, teachers will be making arrangements to meet with you when we return from half term.

Year 5 and 6 football

Miss Capel and Mrs Stratford were proud of the two boys' teams and the one girls' team who represented Wychwood in the partnership 5 a side competition. They showed great sportsmanship - both within their teams and towards their oppositions. We were very proud of them. Thanks again to Mr McLaren who donated our very professional looking football kits!

WASP closure – 27th November

There will be no after school wrap-around provision on Wednesday 27th November. This is to facilitate whole staff training which is taking place that afternoon and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. We hope that by alerting you to this closure now will give you sufficient time to make alternative arrangements and would like to reassure you that we will not be closing WASP again this academic year.

Swap and Drop Event

Following on from the success of our Welly Boot swap, on Thursday 24th October the Eco Council will be having a swap and drop event after school for Coats and Fancy dress costumes. There will be boxes on the playground again next week to collect items which will be sorted ready for Thursday 24th pick up. This is a lovely way to reduce waste and pass on pre-loved items to a new home.

Mobile Phones

As you know, we ask children who carry mobile phones to and from school to hand them in to the office in the morning and collect them from there on their way home. This is to safeguard the children while they are in school.

In order to safeguard our children, we ask that parents and other family members do not use the camera app on their phones while on the school grounds. This is to safeguard vulnerable children who may be inadvertently filmed or photographed. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

School Photos

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is **Sunday 27th October**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Party Invitations

We have had quite a lot of requests to deliver party invitations this term. This is taking up valuable teaching assistant time and can also cause upset for those not invited so we would ask that parents discreetly hand them out on the playground instead.

A message from the PTA...

Chastleton House - A big thank you!

We had a fantastic Saturday at Chastleton last week and were completely bowled over by the incredible cake donations - they were phenomenal and sold so quickly! A big thank you to the team who ran the afternoon too, we had a rolling tag team of parents and children with us throughout the afternoon, which made it a lot of fun! We even had the lovely addition of Pauline Waterhouse's eldest daughter, who needed to do some community work to help graduate her Junior Martial Arts Programme and she couldn't have come at a better time!

*We raised an amazing **£545.70**, which has kickstarted our year's fundraising fantastically! Thank you again.*

Fireworks Night - 2nd November

Thank you so much to everyone who's booked tickets already - it was lovely being in the playground yesterday, now that my children have both gone to secondary school, I've greatly missed the Wychwood playground! If you didn't manage to find us, Mrs Witts is selling tickets in the office, you can also purchase them from St Michael's Store (both cash only) and you can buy advance tickets online via the following link:

<https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1184680683>

I know the weather has been a bit up and down, but we can promise you 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 to help set up on the afternoon of Saturday 2nd November, cake donations, and to serve refreshments on the night - please let

Daisy know via WhatsApp: 07467 226640, a Classlist DM or email wychwoodprimarypta@gmail.com to organise a place, or sign-up on the Classlist event page. Just half an hour would make an amazing difference!

*Thank you very much all - have a brilliant weekend!
The PTA Team :)*

Dates for the Autumn Term

Date	Details	Who
21 st – 25 th October	International Week	All
24 th October	Coat & Fancy-Dress Swap & Drop	All
28 th – 1 st Nov	Half Term	All
2 nd November	Fireworks Night	All
7 th November	Oxfordshire Book Awards	Selected Children
12 th & 13 th Nov	Parents' Meetings	All
19 th November	Science Oxford visit	Year 5 & 6
20 th November	Maths Parent Workshop	Parents
25 th November	U11s Boccia Tournament	Selected Yr 5 & 6
29 th November	Chipping Norton Pantomime	Year 1 & 2
5 th December	FSU Nativity – 2.30pm	Reception
11 th & 12 th Dec	Key Stage 1 Nativity – 2pm	Year 1 & 2
20 th December	Christmas Service at St Mary's Church	Year 3 & 4
20 th December	Last day of term – 1.30pm finish	All

Birthday Book Donations

Happy Birthday to Thando (Sycamore). 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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