



Shine as Lights in the World
Philippians 2.15

September 13th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Challenge

This week we welcomed our local librarian, Marianne, to the school to lead a special assembly to celebrate all the children who had completed the Summer Reading Challenge this year. Thank you to Marianne for coming in and well done to all of the children who read so many wonderful books over the summer. We are so lucky to have such a great library in our community and I know that Marianne and her colleagues will make you feel welcome if you haven't been before. Keep reading, everyone!

Parent Introduction Meetings

Our Parent Introduction Meetings will be taking place next week in the hall. Please see term dates below for more information. If you are unable to attend, the presentation will be made available on the school's website.

Attendance

Your child's attendance is vital to their academic progress and overall success. Missing just a few days each term can lead to gaps in learning which make it harder for children to make good progress. If your child is struggling to attend school, we are here to support you, so please contact your child's teacher if this is the case.

School attendance is a national priority, and the Government has recently introduced a new National Framework for Penalty Notices. We have attached a poster to this email which outlines some of those changes and how they might affect you.

Oxford Half Marathon

The Oxford Half Marathon is taking place on Sunday 13th October (a correction to the dates we published last week – apologies!).

After School Clubs

You should have received an email giving details of the after-school clubs available this term. Please sign up by the end of Wednesday 18th September so that we can



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confirm places by the end of next week. If any clubs are oversubscribed, spaces will be allocated randomly and we will inform families by Friday 20th September.

Homework

Expectations about home learning this term will be set out next week for each phase in the Parent Information Meetings and will then be available on our website for those unable to attend. We are planning a wider consultation with parents about homework, so look out for an email and survey in the next week.

Equality Policy and Plan

Every three years we review and update our equality policy and plan which you can find on our website here:

<https://www.wychwood-pri.oxon.sch.uk/assets/Documents/Equality-Plan-September-2024.pdf>

<https://www.wychwood-pri.oxon.sch.uk/assets/Documents/Equality-Policy-September-2024.pdf>

A message from the PTA...

We had a great catch up in the hall with coffee today, it was lovely to see some new and well known faces! Thank you so much for joining us if you made it over!

Chastleton House takeover - 12th October, 12 - 5pm

We're serving tea and cake from Chastleton House again on Saturday 12th October and in need of some volunteers to help serve tea, coffee and cake to visitors between 12 and 5pm! Any length of time would be hugely appreciated! And if you love baking and would be happy to bake us a cake to sell, we'd love to hear from you! We get to keep every penny we make at the Chastleton House takeovers, and it's such a popular National Trust property to visit by tourists and locals alike! It's located just outside Stow, near to Cornwell.

If you can help on the day with Daisy, Susie and other members of the PTA team, please email Daisy: Wychwoodprimarypta@gmail.com, whatsapp Daisy on 07467 226640 or send her a message on Classlist!

Thank you so much everyone, have a lovely weekend!
The PTA Team :)

Dates for the Autumn Term

| Date | Details | Who |
|---|--|----------------------|
| 13 th September | PTA Coffee Morning – 8.30 in the hall | All Parents |
| 17 th September | Parent Introduction Meeting – 2.45pm | Year 3/4 |
| 18 th September | Parent Introduction Meeting – 2.45pm | Year 1/2 |
| 19 th September | Parent Introduction Meeting – 2.45pm | Year 5/6 |
| 20 th September | Parent Introduction Meeting – 2.45pm | Foundation |
| 24 th September | Junior Citizen Visit | Year 6 |
| 4 th October | U9s & U11s Cross Country | Selected children |
| 6 th October | Oxford Junior Half Marathon | Signed up children |
| 8 th October | School Photographs | All |
| 9 th October | U9 Girls Football | Selected children |
| 10 th October | Flu Vaccinations | All |
| 11 th October | Harvest Festival (Shipton Church) 9:20 | Year 1/2 & Reception |
| 12 th October | Teas at Chastleton House | PTA |
| 14 th October | U11s Football | Selected children |
| 17 th October | Hobgoblin Theatre Company in School | Year 1-6 |
| 21 st – 25 th October | International Week | All |
| 28 th – 1 st November | Half Term | All |
| 2 nd November | Fireworks Night | All |

Birthday Book Donations

Happy Birthday to Florence (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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