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**Shine as Lights in the World**  
**Philippians 2.15**

September 27<sup>th</sup> 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Curriculum Newsletters**

Each week, we are excited to share with you our new curriculum newsletters. 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 History! We hope you enjoy these newsletters. Let us know what you think.

**Homework**

We understand that families will hold a variety of view about homework and we are keen to hear your views as we look to reviewing our approach this year.

Thank you to all the families who have already completed the survey. If you haven't already done so, please click on the link below. It would be helpful if you could fill in the survey separately for each of your children that attend our school as we know that each child's experience may be different:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSflfCDzW6jauSX4wZyBXi2RAeMEJvymivCu1yrG8ljHtX0ww/viewform?usp=sf link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSflfCDzW6jauSX4wZyBXi2RAeMEJvymivCu1yrG8ljHtX0ww/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**Cross Country**

A letter for children who have been selected to take part in the Cross Country Running that takes place next Friday has been sent home with those selected.

**Year 3 & 4 Girl's football**

We will be holding a trial at lunchtime on Monday for any girls who would like to take part in the football tournament. Children can come to school in their PE kit on Monday if they would like to take part.

**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> 2024. Here is a link to the online application form.

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



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### **Author Visit – UKS2**

We are excited to announce a visit from the author, Fleur Hitchcock on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October for our Year 5 and 6 children. Look out for a letter about the event with links to some of her books to purchase to be signed by the author on the day if you have a child in Year 5 or 6.

### **Forest School Site**

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October from 9:30am - 12:30pm we are planning to do some maintenance to the Forest School site and would love some help.

We'll be clearing the pond, dead hedging and laying wood chip. Please wear suitable clothing and bring garden gloves, wheelbarrows, rakes and shovels with you. We'll provide the hot chocolate and snacks! Please email the office if you are able to join us.

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Who</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> October	U9s & U11s Cross Country	Selected children
8 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photographs	All
9 <sup>th</sup> October	U9 Girls Football	Selected children
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Vaccinations	All
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival (Shipton Church) 9:20	Year 1/2 & Reception
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Teas at Chastleton House	PTA
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Oxford Junior Half Marathon	Signed up children
14 <sup>th</sup> October	U11s Football	Selected children
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Author Visit – Fleur Hitchcock	Year 5 & 6
21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> October	International Week	All
28 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Half Term	All
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Fireworks Night	All
12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parent's Meetings	All
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Science Oxford visit	Year 5 & 6
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Chipping Norton Pantomime	Year 1 & 2
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
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service at St Mary's Church	Year 3 & 4

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**Birthday Book Donations**

Happy Birthday to Amber (Silver Birch), Jake & Jasper (Sycamore) and Jacob (Cherry). 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.

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Thank you for your continuing support.

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