



School Newsletter

Issue 5, 24th October 2019

Cross Country

Our children were brilliant at the West Oxfordshire Cross Country event at Bicester yesterday. They all ran so well around fields, which were quite big!

Some top placings were Katie in 5th place, Oscar in 18th and Cian in 23rd. There were about 200 children in each race and all our children tried their best and all finished.

Thank you to Mrs Mercieca, Mrs Garthwaite, Mrs Farthing and Mr Cross for accompanying me to this event and being so supportive and encouraging with our children. The whole team were a credit to our school not only in terms of their running, but also in their positive attitude and excellent behaviour throughout.

Mrs Henderson



Parent information and School Reminders

We would appreciate if parents, especially those new to the school, could take the time to read this section as there is some important information regarding our school. If you have any queries, please do contact the school office.

- Nut Policy – Due to a severe nut allergy in school, we have a no nut policy. If you require further information, please see the school office.
- Leave of absence – only in exceptional circumstances (such as a funeral) will leave be authorised. If you need to make a request for absence, please submit a request in writing giving full details as to why the absence must be taken during term time.
- Dogs are not allowed onto school property. This includes the area outside the front of school, the car park and the driveway.
- Please name all uniform and items brought to school. Any lost property brought to the school office will be returned frequently if it is named.
- Absence from school due to illness - Reasons for absence may be offered verbally, by phone or left on school voicemail but must be followed by a letter on the child's return to school if the absence is for more than two days. Please contact the school no later than 9.30am on the first day of your child's absence.
- Arrival at School: Please can children be taken to the rear playground to line up before school. Please do not wait at the classroom doors (except Elm / Reception) as teachers will come to the rear playground to escort children into the classrooms. For children in Elm class; once the classroom doors are opened, please drop your children off and leave as quickly as possible to promote independence.
- Please be aware that school staff are not present in the playground until 8.45am. Please supervise young children until this time.
- There is no parking at school for parents. You are welcome to park at St Joseph's Church for drop off and collection times. If you are parking on local streets, please park responsibly as we do receive regular complaints regarding this.
- Please download the School Gateway app. Even if you do not need to make payments to the school, we would be grateful if you could register as it enables the school to send all text messages to you free, which we currently pay a fee for.
- **School meal payments must be paid by start of school on Monday morning** (or the first school day of the week). There are several ways you can make payments:
 - Via our online app school gateway, available at all times. We encourage all parents to book and pay for school meals this way even if your child receives free school meals
 - Pay at the school office from 08.45 with cash
 - A clearly marked envelope handed to breakfast club staff with cash
 - A clearly marked envelope for your child to hand in to the school office with cash

Kidz Care Club Payments

Please book your Kidz Care Club and Breakfast Club sessions via the school gateway app. You can do this if you pay via bank transfer, childcare vouchers or cash.

For School Gateway App – Choose the club you would like to use and select the chosen dates. You can book as far in advance as you like but you must pay at the time of booking. You must make the first gateway payment via a computer to register your card details. If you do not have access to a computer at home, please see the school office.

For Childcare Vouchers – Please send the payment with your child's name and BC or KCC as the reference. If you would like the voucher split between more than one club then please email the office your preference. Once the payment has been received, it will be credited to your school gateway account. You will then be able to book the sessions you require. Please send the childcare vouchers in enough time for them to be processed before your required session.

For Cash – Please bring the correct money in an envelope marked with your child's name followed by BC or KCC and the date. The money can then be credited to your school gateway account where you will be able to book the required sessions.

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Fundraising 2019-20

Here is where you can see all the fundraising we have taken part in this year and how much we have raised:

School Attendance

**Half way through and at the end each small term children with perfect attendance will receive an award sticker in assembly.
Every day counts!**

Class	This week	Year To Date
Maple	90.4%	93.6%
Birch	95.3%	96.5%
Oak	93.5%	97.1%
Chestnut	88.1%	97.3%
Eucalyptus	90.4%	96.0%
Whole School	91.3%	96.1%

**At St. Joseph's, we take attendance very seriously!
For more information, please visit our attendance page on our website.**

<http://www.stjosephsprimarycarterton.co.uk/about-us/attendance-1>

Dates for the diary:

November:

Mon 4 th	School Returns at 9.00 am (Breakfast Club opens at 7.45 am)
Mon 4 th	Last Day of Book Fair (Collected on Tuesday 5 th November)
Thurs 7 th	First swimming session for Years 4 and 6
Mon 11 th	Anti-Bullying Week
Mon 11 th	U11 Mixed Hockey at Carterton Community College, 3.30pm-5.30pm (Team to be selected and letter to be sent)
Fri 15 th	Cross country at Cokethorpe school. 1pm – 4pm. (Team has been selected)
Mon 18 th	Road Safety Week
Thu 21 st	Year 3 and 4 Basketball Festival at Carterton Community College, 1.00pm-2.30pm (Teams to be selected and letter to be sent)
Tue 26 th	Flu Vaccinations for Whole School
Thu 28 th	West Oxfordshire U11 Boccia Competition at Carterton Community College, 2.00pm-4.00pm (Teams to be selected and letter to be sent)

Wednesday

6 th November	Leading/attending Mass
13 th November	Birch
20 th November	Maple
27 th November	Eucalyptus
	Chestnut

Thursday

7 th November	Leading Collective Worship:
14 th November	Whole School
21 st November	House
28 th November	Class
	Whole School

Friday

15 th November	Leading Assembly at 9.10am:
	Birch



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- photography (darkroom and digital)
- graphic design
- animation
- printmaking
- textiles
- fashion
- ceramics
- 3D
- painting and drawing

The course takes place on Saturday mornings from 10am-12pm and parents are very welcome to attend with their child at no extra cost.

For full course information and to enrol visit:

www.activatelearning.ac.uk/Junior-Saturday-Art-Club



October School Holiday Activities



Sat 26 Oct 12.30-3.30pm: Guide Dogs experience day. Free

Tues 29 Oct 10.30-11am: TOM-TOTS Fun for under-fives. Free

Tues 29 Oct 2-4pm: TOM-ART Print fun £2 child/£5 family

Wed 30 Oct Dinosaur workshop with Science Oxford £8

Thurs 31 Oct 2-4pm: TOM-ART Letter design £2 child/ £5 family

W: Oxfordshire.gov.uk/museums T: 01993 814106

October half term



Activities
kick off on
28 Oct
2019

are here...
see over for details

Your essential guide to October half term
holiday activities for 5 – 15 year olds.

Book online from 1 October at:

www.cherwell.gov.uk/holidayactivities

Earlybird discount 1-6 October inclusive
For more information contact 01295 221803



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