



Dear Parents

We made it! We have got through this term relatively unscathed. Having spoken to many of my colleagues I know that we have been extremely lucky, especially as Cherwell has the highest number of Covid cases in Oxfordshire.

As we finish for this two week break enjoy whatever you do as you spend time with your loved ones. For many of us we will have opportunities to see family and friends that we have not been able to see for some time.

As you spend time celebrating just spare a thought for those that are less fortunate than yourself. This can be for all sorts of reason. It could be health, physical and mental, domestic or financial. Most supermarkets have baskets at the front of the store so that items can be donated. If you are able to help in anyway please do. Similarly if you find yourself in need please do not hesitate to speak to us. We may be able to access support or signpost you to the relevant support.

Finally a massive well done to the Friends of Wroxton for organising the Christmas Fayre and also to all of you who supported in so many ways to make it the really successful event it was.

All that is left to say is we wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Have a great break.

April Guinness
Head Teacher



Star of the Week

Eagles: Aidan
Kestrels: Maddox
Kites: Oliver
Falcons: Matthew



Sports Stars

Eagles: Lola-Rae
Kestrels: Gracie-
Mae
Kites: Daaniya
Falcons: James

Weekly Quote

*"Christmas is not only a season for rejoicing but also for self-reflection."
Anon*

E-safety

Steps you can take to help keep your child safer online

Use 'SafeSearch': Most web search engines will have a 'SafeSearch' function, which will allow you to limit the content your child can access whilst online. Look out for the 'Settings' button on your web browser homepage, which is often shaped like a small cog.

Attendance

Happily we have had several days this week reaching 100% attendance. Hopefully this will continue in the new year.

The attendance target for the school is 96%, currently our whole school attendance rate is 94%, which is below our target but is improving.

COVID infection rates in the area are well above the average in England at the moment. It is recommended that everyone over the age of 11 in a household takes a Lateral Flow test twice a week. If you are deemed a close contact you should take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days, this is applicable to everyone 5 years and older.

Please remember that if you have any COVID symptoms you should book a PCR test.

Lateral flow tests can be ordered using this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Calendar Dates

Tuesday 4th January 2022 – return to school

Monday 17th January – Vision Screening for Reception children

Dates for Friends' of Wroxton events are over the page.

Please do not send your child to school if they are experiencing COVID 19

Symptoms:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

School Dinners

Have you ordered your child's lunches for the week we return to school yet?

We are bidding for a cash boost from the Tesco Community Grants initiative. Tesco works with community charity Groundwork to run its community funding scheme, which sees grants of up to £1,500, £1,000 and £500 awarded to local community projects.

Three groups in every community have been shortlisted to receive the cash award and shoppers are being invited to head along to any of these Tesco stores to vote:

Banbury Extra OX16 1LX
Middleton Road Express OX16 3QT
High St Banbury Express OX16 5EJ

We are one of the groups on the shortlist. We are asking for a grant to fund Blue-bots which are programmable toys that can be controlled via blue tooth. We want to educate the children using the latest innovative technology resources. Thus allowing them to apply their skills using a range of different equipment.

Voting is open in all Tesco stores in January, February and March and customers will cast their vote using a token given to them at the check-out each time they shop.

☺ FOW (PTA) would like to
thank everyone who supported
our Christmas Fair.
We have raised an amazing
£1,271.40! ☺



FOW upcoming dates for your diary:

Wednesday 5th January 2022:

* FOW Meeting – 7pm, in the Kestrels Classroom

Thursday 27th January 2022:

* Quiz night! **Details TBC**

Thursday 17th February 2022:

* Rags2Riches 4Schools



If you have a New Year sort-out of clothes, please consider donating to the school, as we can receive money from the Rags2Riches4Schools Company. Further Details have been sent via ClassDojo, please bring in donations on the 17th Feb.