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From the Headteacher:

Jeans for Genes

Today we marked Jeans for Genes Day supporting the Children's Medical Research Institute and helps find cures for children's genetic diseases. We are delighted to say that we raised £54 for this worthwhile cause.

House Teams

Our House Team system facilitates the opportunity for vertical learning when children across all the year groups come together to for special events or activities, it can also foster friendly competitive spirit along the way through various inter house competitions or the gaining of house points.

We are excited to reveal that Flynn (**Bethlehem**), Freya (**Jerusalem**), Liam (**Galilee**) and Rose (**Eden**) have been elected to be our House Captains this year. They will be ably supported by Jessica (**Bethlehem**), Harry (**Jerusalem**), Connie (**Galilee**) and Olivia (**Eden**) who are going to be Deputy House Captains.

Housepoints are totalled each week by the House Captains and announced in the Celebration Assemblies. At the end of each half term the winning house collectively chooses their reward. Individual housepoints are also totalled. When individuals reach 25 housepoints they stand for a round of applause in the Celebration Assembly, for 50 housepoints they receive a sticker, for 75 housepoints they receive a certificate and for 100 housepoints a special gold badge that can be worn as part of their uniform for their whole time with us at school. Housepoints are reset for individuals at the end of each term.

Roles and Responsibilities

We are delighted to announce that Frazer is going to be School Council leader this year working with Tegan and Russell (Owl), Ruby and Henry (Fox) and Sophie and Max S (Squirrel). Also, Tisharna will be Eco Warrior Leader working with Robin (Owl) with Joanie and Douglas (Fox) and Millie and Digby (Squirrel). Daisy and James (Owl) are our new Playground Leaders.

The Year 6 children will also be our Worship Leaders for every act of Collective Worship and will rotate which days they lead.

Parent Reps

We would love to have parental representatives for each class again this year. The main aim of the parental meetings is to use the voice of our parents to help us achieve the best possible outcomes for our children. It is an opportunity for the Headteacher to share information about the school development priorities and for the parent representatives to share feedback from their class. Information shared is always thematic rather than an opportunity for individual circumstances to be discussed. If you would like to be a parent rep then please let me know.

Choir

Thank you to Mrs Atkins who has started the school choir again. This is held every Thursday in the hall 3:10-3:40. Please let the school office know if your child would like to join us. This term we are singing 'Food Glorious Food' from Oliver, 'Beautiful World' (linked to our theme of Wonder) and 'Sing' the golden jubilee song for the Queen. 'Sing' has a part for adults, so any parents who wish to join us from 3:30 on a Thursday are very welcome.

Mental Health Awareness Session

Oxfordshire Youth is delivering an online Mental Health Awareness Session specifically for Parents and Carers of children and young people. The sessions are FREE for Oxfordshire residents. The Mental Health Awareness Training for parents and carers aims to aid understanding of relevant topics surrounding young people's mental health today. The training also explores how parents/carers can talk to their young people about the struggles around ill mental health and where they can seek support. The link is:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-online-mental-health-awareness-session-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-296940455897>. Use the first part of your postcode as the promo code in capital letters (e.g: OX4).

Tree Climbing

For the safety of the children, and protection of our beautiful surroundings, please can we ask that the children do not climb the trees on the school path at the end of the day. Thank you.

Kind regards
Mrs France

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Teaching and Learning in the Classrooms this week:



Hedgehog Class

This week in Hedgehog class we have been settling into lunchtimes at school. The children have done really well at remembering their good manners, good hand hygiene and making healthy eating choices. We have also been running play workshops across the week introducing children to the different things they can learn in each area both inside and outside. They are making great progress at making good play choices and finding the resources they need as well as persevering to complete a task. In Phonics we have been practicing and building on our understanding of rhyme through some shared reading as well as games and challenges in our small groups. We are in the process of completing baseline assessments to inform our planning for the rest of the term. We are very impressed with the knowledge and skills that the children have been demonstrating to us. We really are excited about the year ahead!



Squirrel Class

This week Squirrel Class have been working from the lovely Train Ride story; learning the rhythm, describing the images and writing about it. We recorded the children in small groups performing the poem. In Maths they've been learning how to represent objects and improve their counting and partitioning knowledge. They've also produced some beautiful art for the Train Journey story! In RE they started looking at the pattern of creation. The children have also been earning lots of precious diamonds in our reward jar for showing their good manners, kindness, clever listening skills and angelic singing voices.



Fox Class

This week in Fox Class we have been working on our descriptive writing and working out a plot line for a short story. I've been so impressed by their range of vocabulary! We were lucky enough to be joined by Owl Class on Monday afternoon and we shared our love of reading by becoming book buddies! We took it in turn to read or listen to each other's stories. In Science, we became scientists and explored how we could see sound; from elastic bands to rice, children were able to discuss seeing or feeling the vibrations and again I was impressed by how sensible they were and how they were able to discuss what they were seeing and why it was happening. During our class worship, we thought about what we were thankful for. We made a paper chain of our thoughts and shared with each other their ideas. It was lovely to hear how much they appreciate their family, school and friends. Thank you to those parents who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon - as I mentioned, I have put a copy of the presentation on the website for your convenience.



Owl Class

It was so good to see so many of you at the 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon earlier this week. We love a chance to show off our classrooms and the school environment to parents. This week, Owl Class have been working hard on place value, number value and quickly rounding numbers up to one million. Their perseverance at solving maths problems, and their adaptability to different methods has been impressive. In English, they have made great progress in assessing their own work and their peers work against success criteria and have exploring how to write engaging openers and evocative, descriptive language to describe a scene effectively to the reader, as part of our diary writing topic. This has generated some really exciting writing: I am already looking forward to our Big Writes about climbing Everest based on this work!

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Photo Diary of the Week



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Whole School Topic: Autumn Term: Great Expectations

Values: Wonder

This week we were thinking about the wonders of the natural world and the gift of imagination. We thought reflected on the wonderful variety there is in our world. We thanked God for the wonderful world we live in, that isn't dull and boring, but that is bright, colourful and full of amazing variety. The children have all reflected on the wonder of the world, which Mrs Hall has turned in to an incredible display in the hall.

‘What a wildly wonderful world, God! You made it all, with Wisdom at your side, made earth overflow with your wonderful creations.’ Psalm 104:24

Climate Warriors Challenge

‘When life seems hard, the courageous do not lie down and accept defeat; instead, they are all the more determined to struggle for a better future.’ - Queen Elizabeth II.

‘No poverty’, ‘Zero hunger’, ‘Clean, accessible water for all’, ‘Climate Action’. These are 4 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the UN in 2015. They may seem extraordinarily ambitious, and hard, but as Queen Elizabeth II said – the courageous do not lie down and accept defeat.

During Global Goals Week Young Climate Warriors are challenged to be courageous and play their part in helping reach these ambitious targets. This week they are asked to take action to help achieve the ‘Climate Action’ goal by reducing their own water consumption - reducing energy used, and related carbon emissions. An average bath uses 80 litres of water – that has been pumped, treated, delivered and heated – do they ‘really’ need a bath? Please click [here](#) for this week’s challenge slide.

Book Review - Project X: Alien Adventures: Lime: Space Hunt by James Noble recommended by Ellie (Fox)



I have all of the Project X books I love them! In this book my micro-friends are being chased by the Krools. They have to try to escape the heat-seeking gel boomerangs and reach Planet Moxor.

School Council

Our School Council also makes a useful contribution to shaping our school life with representatives from each class gathering ideas, suggestions and challenges for the staff team. Mrs France meets with the group monthly to listen to feedback and to share news about forthcoming initiatives. We also use assemblies to provide opportunities to make sure pupils understand a school’s commitment to knowing what children want and need. We have just elected our new members and will have our first meeting next week.

Happiness Calendar: Self Care September

Self-care isn't selfish it's essential. You can find this month's happiness calendar [here](#).

Housepoints

<i>House</i>	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Total</i>
Bethlehem	34	45
Eden	23	36
Galilee	30	43
Jerusalem	27	42



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Emails and Letters Sent this Week

Date	Email/Letter	For	From	Concerning
15/9/2022	Email	Parents & Carers	School Office	Jeans for Genes & Bank Holiday

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2022 (New or revised dates in bold)

September	
Monday 19 th	Bank Holiday – Funeral HM Queen Elizabeth II
Friday 23 rd	2:30 Newcomers' Service in church
Friday 30 th	2:30 Celebration Assemblies start again in the school hall
October	
Friday 7 th	Harvest Service in school for local food bank
w/c 17 th October	Structured Conversations for Children with plans
Friday 21 st	INSET day
Mon 24 th – Fri 28 th	Half Term
November	
Wednesday 2 nd	Parents' Evening All Classes
Thursday 3 rd	Parents' Evening Squirrel, Fox and Owl Classes
Friday 18 th	Children in Need (spots and dots with your school uniform, donate £1)
December	
Monday 12 th	2:00 Hedgehog Nativity Dress
Wednesday 14 th	5:30 Hedgehog Nativity Performance
Monday 19 th	6:00 Christingle for Whole School in Church
Tuesday 20 th	1:30 Break up for Christmas

Academic Year Calendar 2022-23

Autumn 22	
Tues 6 th Sept – Thurs 20 th Oct	Autumn Term (1)
Mon 24 th – Fri 28 th October	HALF TERM
Mon 31 st Oct – Tue 20 th Dec	Autumn Term (2)
Spring 23	
Wed 4 th Jan – Fri 10 th Feb	Spring Term (1)
Monday 13 th – Fri 17 th February	HALF TERM
Tues 21 st Feb - Fri 31 st Mar	Spring Term (2)
Summer 23	
Mon 17 th April - Thu 25 th May	Summer Term (1)
Mon 29 th May – Fri 2 nd June	HALF TERM
Mon 5 th June - Fri 21 st July	Summer Term (2)