

Dear parents and carers

We have had a great start to the term as always with children settling quickly back into their learning after the excitement of Christmas! Our focus this term is on Geography and each class has chosen a country or continent to focus on through a book. Topic webs for each class will be sent out soon with more information.

We have lots of events and trips going on this term so please do check the diary dates and your emails regularly to keep up to date! We have several new faces around school this term who you may have noticed. As a school we fully support initial teacher training and this term we have two student teachers in KS1. It is always a privilege as a school to support students as they start their careers and we would like to welcome them to our school.

Sarah Nisbett  
Headteacher

## WOW!

Last week we took part in the U11 Witney partnership Swimming Gala - a very tough competition! The children were amazing with the girls' team finishing 5<sup>th</sup> and the boys' team 2<sup>nd</sup>! This takes the boys through to the County Finals - well done!! A special mention to Ethan who came a fantastic 1<sup>st</sup> in his race, the 25-metre butterfly.



### Dates for your diary...

**15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020** - OCC deadline for Reception place applications

**17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020** - Celebration Assembly 2.30pm. All welcome

**31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020 9am** - Robins' Class Assembly and Cake Sale

**10<sup>th</sup> March 2020**- Whole school SINGATHON!

**16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020** - Year 6 Pioneer Residential

See overleaf for a full list of dates for the Spring Terms.

### Our value this term is... **FORGIVENESS**

'Forgive us for doing wrong, as we forgive others'  
Matthew 6:12

### Lunchboxes

Please remember that there should be **no nuts or eggs** (baked in cakes and other foods is fine) in your child's lunchbox due to a severe allergy in school.

### School Lunches

Please book your child's lunches via Parentpay by **midnight on the Thursday** prior to the week they will be taking them. Thank you! Don't forget that there is now a new menu...

### PE Kits

Please ensure that your child has a **full PE kit** in school every day. All children need indoor and outdoor kits including trainers. Thank you

## Diary Dates Spring Terms 2020

17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Celebration Assembly
24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Celebration Assembly
31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Robins' Class Assembly and Cake Sale
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	U11 Indoor Athletics @ Wood Green - selected children only
4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet Day
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Celebration Assembly
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 3 Collective Worship @St B's
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Corinthian Partnership Year 5
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Reading Day @ Cokethorpe
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Celebration Assembly
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb - HALF TERM</b>	
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Heights and Weights Reception and Year 6 children
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	U11 high 5 Netball - selected children only
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 1 Dance Festival @ Wood Green
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Celebration Assembly
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evenings
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Celebration Assembly
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Singathon!
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Corinthian Partnership Year 4
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Drama Day @ Cokethorpe
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Maths Challenge - selected children only
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
16 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Pioneer Residential
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Celebration Assembly
20 <sup>th</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Scholastic Book Fair
25 <sup>th</sup> March	U11 Tag Rugby @WRFC - selected children only
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 collective worship @St B's
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Pioneer Assembly - Year 6 parents invited
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	The Easter Experience
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	3.05pm: End of term 4

*\*New/updated diary dates in blue*

## PE KITS - WANTED!

We have many children each week who can't take part in PE fully as they do not have the full kit in school. If you have any trainers or PE kit which are too small but in good condition please donate these to school so we can have a bank of spare PE kits to enable all children to take part in this important aspect of school. Thank you



## KS2 Tuckshop

The School Lunch Company run a tuck shop daily for all KS2 children providing a selection of healthy snacks.

Fresh Fruit- 35p  
 Mineral water- 35p  
 Dried fruit- 35p  
 Yoghurt- 35p  
 Chocolate Milk- 50p  
 Strawberry milk- 50p  
 Radnor fruits orange- 35p  
 Radnor fruits apple- 35p

We recommend only 1 snack per child - cash only please.

Thank you

## Donations Please!!

If you have an unwanted artificial Christmas tree and/or any unwanted decorations, please can you take them to our Reception Class who need them!!

Thank you!



## Contact us...

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# Noticeboard

Events and opportunities in and around our school



**Clean Slate CHARITY FITNESS DAY**  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
Langdale Hall, Witney

Bring you some of the best instructors in the area to deliver the following fitness classes: -

Session 1	9am	Hardcore Core and Abs
Session 2	10am	Total Body Workout
Session 3	11am	Max Bosu
Session 4	12pm	Dance Fitness Mash Up
Session 5	1pm	Max Kettle Bells
Session 6	2pm	Yoga
Session 7	3pm	Hour of Power
Session 8	4pm	Tai Chi

All proceeds donated to Clean Slate Registered Charity 1132281  
Tickets available for each session of 45mins

Minimum donation £5 per session  
For further details, tickets and donations please contact  
**Lisa Hyatt 07970 830031 lisa664@btinternet.com**

Clean Slate charity is a local organisation helping victim's male or female deal with the physical, emotional, mental and sexual abuse through long term listening, counselling, freedom projects and support groups since 2009  
[www.cleanslate.org.uk](http://www.cleanslate.org.uk)

**All abilities welcome!**  
Clean Slate



**Oxfordshire Libraries**

**Stay, Play & Learn Sessions**

Carterton Library is running FREE weekly sessions for families and children under five.

- Toys & activities!
- Borrow a book!
- Songs & Rhymes!

12:15 - 1:45 pm

Come along and join in the fun!

@oxonlibraries Bookstoborrow

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