



Autumn

10th November 2023

Nurturing each and all. Guiding, Trusting, Inspiring and Celebrating

Dear families,

A belated welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. Last week, we were finally visited by Ofsted. It was a one day inspection and we will share with you their feedback as soon as the report is completed (we are hoping before Christmas). Speaking of Christmas, the stage went up this week and preparations are underway! This term is always a busy one with many dates already in the calendar. Last week, Dovecote and Wenrisc went to the Story Museum in Oxford. Our Year 6 pupils are undertaking Sports Leader training and they will be leading playtime games very soon. Next Friday (17th) is Children in Need. Children are invited to come into school in non-uniform in exchange for a £1 donation.

This morning, classes marked Remembrance Day. On Sunday 13th November, the school will be laying a wreath at the memorial and reading the Role of Honour. Thank you to everyone who supported our poppy collection in school.

Our value for this term is Thankfulness. *"This is a wonderful day. I've never seen one like this before."* Maya Angelou.

Oxford Story Museum



Cotswold ceramics



Outdoor learning



St Kenelm's School Association

The SKSA are busy raising funds for our school. They now urgently need prizes for the raffle that is being held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 28th November. Please bring any donations (wine, chocolates, biscuits etc) to the office. We are really hoping to be able to spruce up the school grounds and play areas this year with the monies raised. You can contact SKSA by emailing sksa@st-kenelms.oxon.sch.uk

Don't forget the Monster Mash Discos are on Friday 17th November. Thank you to SKSA for arranging these.

Christmas card orders have been extended to 12th November. Please ensure you have completed your online order by this date.

Harvest Collection

Thank you to Mrs Ayris, who delivered all the Harvest donations to the Witney Food Bank. These were gratefully received and will be used to support local families in need. Thank you for your generous contributions.

Respect, Honesty, Friendship, Compassion, Thankfulness, Wisdom

Anti-bullying Week

This year, Anti-bullying Week is from 13th-17th November. This is an annual UK event which aims to raise awareness of bullying and to highlight ways of preventing and responding to it. This year, it has the theme of 'Make A Noise About Bullying'. We are encouraging everyone to come to school, on Monday 13th November, in odd socks to show our individuality.

School Photos

Photo proofs have been sent home this week. Please check book bags for them. These can be ordered directly through The School Photography Company.

Christmas

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Christmas performances. Little Minster will be performing *It's a Baby*, Key Stage 1 (Dovecote and Wenrisc) will be performing *The Hoity Toity Angel* and Key Stage 2 will be performing *Gold to Bethlehem*. Please see the table below for your class performance time. Each family will receive 2 tickets for the relevant performance. Tickets are limited due to the number of people we can have in the hall. Further details will follow.

Monday 4 th December 9.30am	Monday 4 th December 2pm	Tuesday 5 th December 2pm	Wednesday 6 th December 2pm
Little Minster	Wenrisc/Dovecote	Key Stage 2	Key Stage 2

Grandparents will be able to watch the dress rehearsals. Dates to be confirmed.

Christmas lunch and parties will take place on Wednesday 13th December and term ends on 19th December at 1.15pm.

Best wishes,

Catherine Souck.

