



SUMMER

21st April 2023

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

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the Summer term. I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. This term looks set to be another busy one with many activities planned. Please look at the school website, in particular your child's class page, to keep you informed and up to date. Each class is immersing themselves in their new topics. Little Minster will be finding out about Our Wonderful World, Dovecote will be Discovering Dinosaurs, Wenrisc will be going Around the World, Charterville and Cotswold will be Visiting the Village and Lovell will be travelling back in time to the Tudors.

This term, Year 4 children have already participated in a day of foreign languages at Burford Secondary School and next week, Year 5 will also be attending an enrichment day. Trips have been arranged for later in the term for KS1 to visit the Natural History Museum in Oxford and Reception children to visit Cogges Farm to support their learning. Charterville and Cotswold will also be visiting the Natural History Museum in Oxford to learn about rocks and minerals and Lovell will be spending the day at a Tudor house and will also be undertaking their PE swimming unit at Carterton Leisure Centre.



Key Stage 2 SATS

Children in Year 6 are busily preparing for their SATS, which commence the week beginning 8th May.

Sports and Health Week

This year, our Sports and Health Week is from Monday 22nd May. Children can come to school, each day, in their PE kit. Throughout the week, we will be involved in a range of sporting activities. On Wednesday 24th May, weather permitting, we will be holding our Sports Day, commencing at 9.30am. You are invited to join us and to support us.

The King's Coronation

We will be celebrating the coronation of King Charles III on Friday 5th May. Children are invited to come to school dressed in red, white and blue. We will be holding a coronation picnic and further details will follow. All children will receive a commemorative mug from the parish council to mark the occasion.

Country Dancing

Our annual country dancing morning will be held on Wednesday 21st June at 9.30am and you are very welcome to come and watch.

Respect, Honesty, Friendship, Compassion, Thankfulness, Wisdom

Value for this term

Our value this term is wisdom. We will consider what wisdom is, “the quality of having experience, knowledge, & good judgement,” and how we can apply it within school and our community. Confucius, the ancient Chinese philosopher said, “*The man who asks a question is a fool for a minute; the man who does not ask is a fool for life.*”

School Uniform

Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and PE kit in school. PE kits need to be in school all week as there will be flexibility on PE days this term. With the warmer weather approaching, it is important that your child has a sun hat and that sun screen is applied before coming to school. It is also paramount that they have a water bottle in school. Long hair must be tied back and jewellery (with the exception of stud earrings) may not be worn.

School Disco

Don't forget the school disco on Friday 12th May, organised by the SKSA. Slips and payment need to be returned to the SKSA by Friday 5th May. All monies raised from their events go to supporting the children by providing enrichment activities and opportunities.

Job Vacancies

We have two job vacancies for September. We are looking for a lunchtime supervisor to replace the lovely Mrs Blake, who will be retiring after many years of committed service to the school. We will also have a part-time teaching assistant vacancy. Both roles are advertised on the school website under the Information tab, (at the very bottom) under Current Vacancies. If you are interested, or know of anybody who might be, do not hesitate to contact the school office or please apply using the application form on the website.

Outdoor Play Equipment

Please can I ask you to closely supervise your children at the end of the school day and ensure that they do not play on the outside play equipment. Children in school, know that they are not allowed on it and the rules that have to be followed using it and, therefore, there is an expectation that they will not be on it after school. The equipment is only insured for use under the supervision of school staff for school pupils. Please could I also ask you to stay on the footpaths and do not allow your children to run through the garden area as our plants are being trampled.

Martial Arts

Back in the Autumn term, Claire from Oxford Sport and Traditional Martial Arts came to supply the children with an after school club. She is set to return in September for another 7 week course. OSTMA aim to getting children fighting fit and confident for life's challenges. They are offering a free 4 week trial if you would like to get going sooner, outside of the school setting. For more information and bookings, please contact Claire on 07540 316 188 or cmmartialarts@live.co.uk.



Best wishes,

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