



Aston and Cote Church of England Primary School

"Learning together through courage, love and respect"

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school and a very Happy New Year to everyone. I hope that all of you had a lovely Christmas break and enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

The staff would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for all your seasonal good wishes and generous gifts - we really do appreciate it.

Although this is a relatively short term, we have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned for the children. It has been wonderful to see the children already fully engaged in their learning this week - they have enjoyed starting their new topics and discovering what their class novels are - it is really amazing to see how many excited readers we have in school. I would like to say special congratulations to all of the children who read throughout the holidays and continued to complete their reading reflections - we are very proud of all of you!

We have very much enjoyed welcoming our new members of staff - Mrs Hackwood in Windmill, Miss Garrison in Oatlands and Mrs McGuinness who is teaching Science in Holywell on Thursday afternoons. We think they will be super additions to our staff team and are all very much looking forward to working with them.

Kind regards
Fiona Taylor (Acting Headteacher)

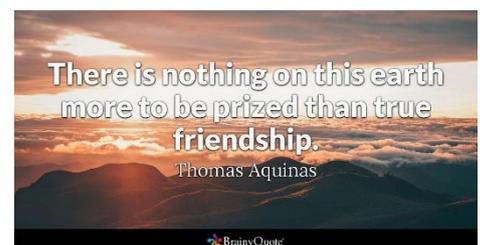
DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Please be aware that occasionally dates have to be changed, so check newsletters regularly for any amendments.

- 22nd Jan Year 5 dance @ HBS
- 24th Jan Year 5/6 Girls football match @ The Batt 3.30pm
- 26th Jan Parent Drop In (9.00 a.m.),
- 30th Jan Year 5/6 S/H Athletics @ WGS 3.15-5.30pm
- 31st Jan Life Bus visiting school
- 1st Feb Life Bus visiting school
- 8th Feb Windmill visit to Story Museum Oxford tbc
- 9th Feb **LAST DAY TERM**
- 12th - 16th February - **Half term Holiday**
- 19th Feb 1st Day of Term
- 21st Feb Year 2 Partnership Music Concert Workshop - Tower Hill 1.00pm
- 26th Feb Parent Drop In (9.00 a.m.)
- 6th - 12th Mar Scholastic Book Fair
- 14th Mar Year 2 Partnership Music Concert 6.00pm @ WGS
- 19th Mar National weighing & measuring programme - Year 6 & Reception only.
- 23rd Mar Parent Drop In (2.45 p.m.)

Value of the Month

Our value this month is Friendship. We will be discussing what makes a good friend and how it is important to have a variety of friends to play with. We will also be learning about some of Jesus' friends and how to make things better when friendships go wrong.



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The Sound of Music



I am delighted to inform you that Marcus Lockett, one of our school governors and a very talented music teacher, has kindly volunteered to deliver the music curriculum throughout the school on a voluntary basis. In addition, he will be running the school choir on Monday afternoons after school - we still have a few places if your child is interested. The children in Windmill, Kingsway and

Oatlands thoroughly enjoyed their lessons yesterday and we are all looking forward to Mr Lockett's next visit!

Photographic Competition

Our local MP, Robert Courts, has written to the children in all West Oxfordshire schools, inviting them to take part in a photography competition. We are sure that lots of the children will be interested in entering so have attached the details with this newsletter.



We have been very successful in two recent local competitions so are hoping to make it a hat trick! If your child does enter the competition, we would love to have a copy of their photograph to display in the school.

Full information and rules can be found on page 3 of this Newsletter

We need you!

We are very fortunate to have several parents who come into school on a voluntary basis to help in classrooms. We would love to welcome more of you into school to help - there are always jobs to do in a busy school! Please let your child's class teacher know if you are interested or come in and have a chat with me.

Parents' Drop-in

Our next meeting will be on Friday 26th January at 9.00 a.m. This is open to all parents and carers and is an opportunity for you to ask questions or make suggestions.

I am always happy to meet with parents by appointment and we welcome feedback either verbally, through emails or through our "Feedback and Suggestions" box in the front entrance

Fiona Taylor, Acting Headteacher

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THE WEST OXFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Background

The West Oxfordshire School Photography Competition is designed to encourage young photographers in west Oxfordshire to take pride in, and capture, the unique beauty of west Oxfordshire.

They will be divided into 4 age groups:

- Years 1 - 3
- Years 4 - 6
- Years 7 - 10
- Years 11 - 13

Also into categories

- Architecture/History
- People/Community
- Nature/Wildlife
- Abstract

Each entrant can enter one photograph in each category.

The photographs submitted should tell the story of a town/place/person in west Oxfordshire or capture the essence of a part of west Oxfordshire. As such the competition will provide a platform to promote and celebrate west Oxfordshire. Successful photos will also be used to decorate Robert's Westminster offices.

Rules for Submission of Photographs

- Each entrant should email one high quality JPG. Photo for each category they wish to enter, along with their school, year group and home address.
- They should be emailed to Robert at robert@robertcourts.co.uk
- The photographs can be of anyone/anything but the subject matter *must be* in West Oxfordshire and fall into one of the above categories.
For example it could portray an interesting story of a resident of west Oxfordshire, a historical place or building, local wildlife, or a place of natural beauty.
- Photographs can be in colour or in black and white.
- **Deadline for entry is 28th February 2018.**

Judging:

- There will be one winner for each category, and also one overall winner per age group.
- Each category winner will receive a certificate from Robert.
- The overall winners from each age group will be invited up to Parliament with their parents for a tour of Parliament and a cup of tea with Robert on the Commons' terrace.

Good Luck!

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