



Newsletter

No 2 – 20th September 2024



Succeed ~ Happy ~ Independent ~ Nurtured ~ Excited
with perseverance ~ with respect & honesty ~ and courageous ~ with compassion ~ with teamwork



Dear Parents/Carers, I would like to start this newsletter by saying a HUGE thank you to Miss Best for organising such a great event on Monday - this was a chance to celebrate the OPAL approach to playtime. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend and for the generous donations. The children (and adults) had a fabulous time.

This term we are focusing on 'aiming high' and having 'Great expectations' for ALL. The children have been enjoying being **better** than the best. We have spoken about how we show our school vision and values at all times. As always my door is open and if you would like to book a meeting please do contact the school office. Happy Friday!

Mrs Veeder, Executive Headteacher

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Absent from School?

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please don't forget to let us know. Absences are recorded in our registers with the appropriate reason code, i.e illness, medical appointment etc. Where no reason is given the absence is recorded as "unauthorised" and may be investigated by the Educational Welfare Officer.

Please remember that requests for absence should be authorised. See website for Absence Policy for further details.

PLEASE NOTIFY US ABOUT THE ABSENCE BY TELEPHONING SCHOOL ON 01367 860318 AND SELECTING OPTION 1 OR 4 TO LEAVE A MESSAGE. PLEASE DO NOT DOJO OR EMAIL.

QUICK REMINDERS

- ★ Student Update forms were sent home this week. Please return via your child's bookbag as soon as possible.
 - ★ School Photographs details were sent home yesterday. Please order online to receive free delivery to school by Monday 7th October 2024. You will be able to order online after this date but will be charged for delivery.
 - ★ Tuesday 8th October – the School Nurse Team will be visiting for influenza vaccinations. If you have not already done so it is important that you first read the information in the the [Flu Leaflet Child flu vaccine - NHS](#) which includes details about the programme and the small number of children who may not be able to have the nasal spray. Due to the checking process required please follow the steps below at least one full school day before the session to ensure your child can be vaccinated at school. Community clinics will be available across the county if your child has not been vaccinated in the school.
1. Then **Click** the link <https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu>
 2. **Enter** the Unique School Code OX141816
 3. **Complete** the form (one per child). Please complete even if you are REFUSING the vaccination.



Succeeding with perseverance




"To be the best we can be for ourselves and others"

This is illustrated by the parable the Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-27




 Time to **SHINE** at St Christopher's 



"To Be the Best we can be for ourselves and others"
The awards last week went to:


 Elijah for joining in and being respectful.

 Jack for fantastic learning this week.

 Nico for always listening and being the best in his learning.

 Charlie for using a range of time adverbials in his story.


 Max for being the best in all areas.

 Seamus for having a great attitude towards his learning and always being the best.


 Quinn for being independent and happy at Breakfast Club.


The awards this week went to:

 Millie for bringing joy to Cherry Class.

 Finlay for challenging himself with maths.

 Nancy for her excellent attitude and perfect behaviour in learning time on the carpet.

 Henry and Levi for their beautiful description of a memory from the class book.

 Zane for being the best in English.

 Bella for always listening and trying her best.

 Jacob for being helpful and respectful at After School Provision.

SHINE STARS – each week children and staff can award individuals for showing our vision. The names are written on a star and displayed in the entrance hall on our vision display.

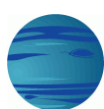
Our "SHINE STARS" are:
Charlie, Emily and James, Ivy, Charlie, Emily, James
For
Being a great friend, showing care and compassion, always being kind



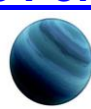
House Points



JUPITER



MERCURY



NEPTUNE





SATURN

Watch this space!



Diary Dates

23 rd September	24 th September	25 th September	26 th September	27 th September
3.15pm Nature Club 3.15pm Premium Sports Club		3.15pm Hartist Art Club		Lunchtime Girls Football Club 3.15pm Broken Boards Skateboarding Club
30 th September	1 st October	2 nd October	3 rd October	4 th October
3.15pm Nature Club 3.15pm Premium Sports Club	3.15pm Young Voices Club	 Harvest Service for children and staff 3.15pm Hartist Art Club		Burford Partnership Cross Country Lunchtime Girls Football Club 3.15pm Broken Boards Skateboarding Club
30 th September	1 st October	2 nd October	3 rd October	4 th October
3.15pm Nature Club 3.15pm Premium Sports Club	3.15pm Young Voices Club	3.15pm Hartist Art Club		Lunchtime Girls Football Club 3.15pm Broken Boards Skateboarding Club
7 th October	8 th October	9 th October	10 th October	11 th October
3.15pm Nature Club 3.15pm Premium Sports Club	 Whole School Flu Vaccinations 3.15pm Young Voices Club	3.15pm Hartist Art Club		Lunchtime Girls Football Club 3.15pm Broken Boards Skateboarding Club
14 th October	15 th October	16 th October	17 th October	18 th October
Burford Partnership Football 3.15pm Nature Club 3.15pm Premium Sports Club	3.15pm Young Voices Club	3.15pm Hartist Art Club		Lunchtime Girls Football Club 3.15pm Broken Boards Skateboarding Club 3.15pm Footy Kids
21 st October	22 nd October	23 rd October	24 th October	25 th October
3.15pm Nature Club 3.15pm Premium Sports Club	3.15pm Young Voices Club	3.15pm Hartist Art Club		

Harvest

On Wednesday 2nd October 2024 the children will be celebrating the Harvest Festival.

As part of the Harvest Celebration, we will be supporting the local food banks who provide emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis. If you are able to donate a non-perishable item (please ensure it is in date) then boxes will be available in each classroom week beginning the 30th September 2024, with the last collection date of Friday 4th October 2024. Thank you.





As Autumn approaches, the mornings and evenings are getting darker, meaning children walking to and from school need to be even more aware of the potential dangers for pedestrians and the importance of wearing bright clothing, making it easier for other road users to see them.

The good news for schools and families is that Oxfordshire County Council have a child pedestrian Road Safety scheme called **Footsteps**, aimed at parents and carers. The **Footsteps** programme is simple for parents to use as it can be carried out in normal everyday situations such as walking to school or to the local shops. Rather than *telling* children what to do, parents are encouraged to *ask* lots of open questions to make the children think about the decisions they are making. Making these decisions safely while in the company of a supporting adult will mean they will be better prepared for dealing with roads and traffic once they begin going out on their own. The link is [Walking with children | 365Alive](#)



Childhood is an important time to instil healthy habits and learn crucial life skills. Establishing these habits early on will help to improve your child's future quality of life and enable them to reach their full potential in education and beyond.



ChatHealth

ParentLine Text
07312 263227

School Health Nursing messaging service for parents & carers of children aged 5-11 years attending a State School in Oxfordshire Text: 07312 263227 to message a school health nurse



"Together for a better internet"

It is more important than ever for children and adults to understand how to keep themselves safe online.

Useful links:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/44074704>



Now the weather is turning autumnal, please could the children bring in to school their coats as wherever possible we like the children to play outside at morning break and lunchtimes.



- Professional Coaching Courses
- Structured skills and technique sessions
- Open to all boys & girls in Years 1 - 6
- Fun games, competitions and small sided matches

DON'T FORGET!

CLUB STARTS MONDAY 3.15PM-4.15PM

BOOKING FORM SENT OUT SEPARATELY.

Footy Kids

St Christophers Primary School



6 Week Football Fun Club

Start: Friday 18th October

Where: School Field

Time: Lunchtime

Cost: £29 Per Child

£19 Per Sibling after first

To register your child, please visit
www.enrolmy.com/footy-kids



YEAR 6 IMPS

The children in Hazel Class spent Tuesday morning learning all about how to stay safe and what to do in case of an emergency. We learnt so many different things, including how to deal with common injuries, how to do CPR, how to put somebody in the recovery position, and how to use a defibrillator (AED). We also discussed calling the emergency services and how to provide the correct information to get the best help.

Everyone had a go at the activities and enjoyed practising the recovery position on their friends. After lunch, we came up with our own scenarios and filmed them, focusing on what you should do in response to the emergency situation.

When I spoke to some of the children after the session, they told me that they never knew it was so easy to put somebody in the recovery position and it was lovely to see them feeling more confident about what to do in an emergency.

Well done Hazel Class!



KS2 Trip – Badbury Woods

KS2 had a fantastic time at Badbury woods. When we arrived, they had free time to run around and explore the woodland. So many exciting things were going on; den building, bug house building, man hunt, bug hunting, climbing and more. We then headed down to the woodland play area where we ate our snacks and enjoyed the obstacle course made from logs. Some children were even playing Tic-Tac-Toe with leaves and sticks!



We continued our walk further into the woodland and found the den building area. This was the best part (according to almost everyone!). The children built some incredible dens and then voted to have their lunch in them, instead of waiting until after the hike! We saw such brilliant teamwork from everyone and it was great to stand back and watch the children in their element.



When we finished lunch, we walked 2.5km to Coleshill. The path went through farms, across fields and over bridges and a lot of styles. The views were great, but it was certainly a challenge! When we finally got to Coleshill, the children were very tired. Still, there were groans when we had to get on the bus because nobody wanted to stop the fun. We certainly will be returning!

I'd like to say a huge WELL DONE to all children who came on the trip.

Mrs Clark



Thank you to the parents/carers/families for their donations and attending the OPAL event on Monday. Thank you also to Miss Best for organising this event and arranging for the sun to shine!





open day

WEDNESDAY

13TH NOVEMBER 2024

The school will be open
to visitors from
9.30am-11.30am

Please "spread the word" and if you have friends and colleagues who are unable to make this date and wish to visit please telephone the school office 01367 860318 to arrange an appointment.