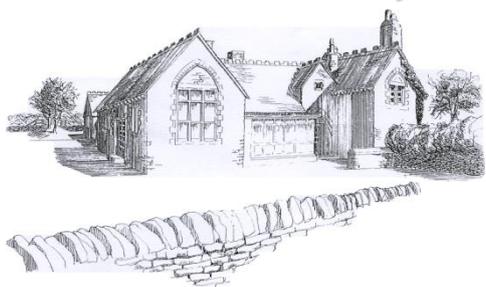


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A Message from the Co-Heads

Today, we have noticed quite a few children yawning and so after seeing this in the newspaper over the weekend, we thought we would share this interesting article with you.

Recently, Oxford University has explored the importance of sleep and the impact sleep has on children's ability to manage daily challenges and to take on new learning. See below for a breakdown of the recommended hours of sleep per night for a child by age:

Age of Child Recommended Hours Sleep: 4 – 9yrs old 10 – 11hrs, 10 – 16yrs old 9 – 10hrs, 16+yrs old 8hrs.

As we come into our most exciting time of the year, we ask that you take note of this advice and try and keep up with your normal bedtime routines. Thank you.

It has been wonderful to show around prospective new parents, teachers and visitors from Oxfordshire County Council this week; the feedback on the learning environments has been positive and OCC have been overwhelmed by the amount of interest we have had in the recent vacancies.

Diamond Class parent meeting

Parents are invited for an update meeting from 4-4.30pm next Wednesday, 4th December.

Phonics meeting

Would you like to know more about how we teach phonics? If so, join us for a workshop on Tuesday 3rd December at 3.30pm.

School Council.

This week we had 3 things to discuss: the suggestion box, our chosen charity and the shoe box appeal. We met with Mrs Rogers and read through all the suggestions in the box. We agreed to put some aside for now and just focus on the sign language suggestion which someone asked about. We are hoping to learn a few signs so that we can use these in our everyday lives.

We also agreed to support the shoe box appeal and voted on raising funds 2x a year for Tiggywinkles Wildlife Trust in Buckinghamshire. By the School Council.

PTA

Being part of the PTA is a very rewarding experience and can make such a difference in your child's school life. We have a very hard-working team of PTA members but we do need more helping hands if we are going to achieve our objectives. Please do consider joining, even if for just a few hours. We love to see new members and being part of the PTA often produces many long-lasting friendships.

We are hoping to hold a Halloween disco and a Xmas Fayre so that we can continue to fund-raise to improve our Forest School as well as update our KS1 reading scheme.

Help – we need volunteers for our stalls. If any Y6s are available, please let us know.

PIANO

A few parents have shown an interest in their child learning to play the piano. We have found a teacher and for 10 lessons it would cost £11.50. This would be a 20minute lesson. We will need to pay and tune the piano first! If you would like more information, please let Mrs Rogers know.

EYFS school applications

Please remember to apply on time, that is, no later than 15th January 2020. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to apply for a school place.

County strongly advise you to use all four preferences and advise you to enter your catchment (or designated area) school as one of your preferences and consider how your child will travel to school.

If your application is late, it will be processed later in the year, and you are far less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools.

If you need help using the online application form, visit <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/online-applications>

The School Day – times

We would like to remind everyone that the school day starts at 8.45am when the bell rings and the children are collected from the playground by their Teacher.

We would also like to remind parents that the day ends at 3pm. Please be prompt when collecting your children so everyone is off the playground by 3.05pm and the clubs can start on time.

Thank you.

Mobile Phones

Can we please remind all parents and visitors that mobile phones are not to be used or visible on the school premises? We have had some reports of parents on their phones at school pick-up. As we don't have members of staff outside at this time we cannot 'police' this, so please help us by reminding parents that phones must be put away whilst inside the school gates. Thank you

Book Fair

Thursday 5th to Tuesday 10th December.

School Hall

From 3.15pm to 4.15pm

IDEAL STOCKING FILLERS

Please support the school by coming along and having a look – we will receive a percentage of every item sold.

Pupil Disagreements

If your child has a disagreement with another pupil, please notify the Class Teacher rather than contacting the parent directly. We have had a couple of incidents when the teacher was unaware of an issue which could have easily been resolved in school without causing either family a problem.

Blue Cross Charity

Blue Cross Charity visited us to share information about how to look after pets at Christmas. It was an informative assembly and we now know how to look animals at Christmas time. Thank you, Mrs Ballard, for setting this up for us.



Christmas Lunch

The children are all invited to wear their Christmas jumper next Wednesday, 4th December.

Christmas Parties

The class parties will be held w/c 16th December. Party food lists and details will be sent home from each class nearer the time.



Sleeping Beauty

Tuesday 17th December

Matinee performance (2.30pm)

Tickets will be sent home on Friday 13th December. By following this guide you should have a most enjoyable time...

- keep your tickets in a safe place; they will have your seat numbers printed on them and you will be asked for them at the theatre.
- ensure you get on the right coach. We have 275 people joining us for the show and the coaches have been allocated with a lot of thought to unaccompanied children/families, etc.
- arrive on time; parents are asked to wait at the school gate. At 12.15pm the children will be brought out (as at the end of a normal school day). Everyone should then make their way to the Lorry Park where coaches will depart at 12.45pm sharp. Anyone running late will be expected to make their own travel arrangements.

The show is scheduled to finish at approx. 4.15pm and we hope to be back in Clanfield around 5.30pm – traffic permitting. If you do not intend traveling on the coach to/from the Theatre please let Miss Castle know by Friday 6th December as she will be organizing the Theatre and coach seating on Monday 9th December.

PLEASE DO NOT SWAP YOUR TICKETS ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED

Seating has been carefully organized to accommodate large family groups and unaccompanied children.

We want the whole experience to run smoothly however, if you are in doubt about any of the above; please ask in the School Office.

Christmas Performances

All performances are held at Windmill Farm and all children will be performing in both of their shows (1.30pm and 6pm).

Siblings and grandparents are welcome to attend the afternoon show whilst the evening performance is reserved for adults and older siblings (**12 years+**) only.

On Wednesday 11th December after the evening performance, refreshments will be served in the Dining Hall whilst the FOCS Christmas Draw takes place.



Tickets cost £2 each

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Tickets will be sent home by Wednesday 4th December – please do not lose them, they are your entry for the show and will be requested before you are admitted – this is H&S headcount requirement.
- Wheelchair access must be notified in advance.
- Prams and pushchairs are not permitted in the hall – to avoid any embarrassment please leave them outside.
- **Younger children are ONLY invited to attend the afternoon performances.** However, if they become too loud or cause a disturbance, parents will be asked to remove them to avoid spoiling the show for everyone else.
- It is our school policy that any images taken during this event are to be used solely by parents for their own personal use. Any concerns should be reported to one of the Co-Heads.

Anyone intending to photograph the event must be aware of the County Councils expectations which state... *“Parents should be prepared to identify themselves, if requested, and state their purpose for photography. Photos can only be taken if used solely for personal use or family use; if it is not used for personal use, then any complaint must be against the person taking the photo, not the school.”*

Christmas Post Box



The annual Christmas post Box will be in operation from Monday 1st December until Wednesday 18th December.

Children wishing to give cards to one another should post them in the Post Box in the morning and they will be delivered that afternoon. Please check that your child has written inside the card! All cards should have the addressee name and class number written clearly on the front of the envelope.

Oxford University Press

Does anyone work for OUP(Oxford University Press)?

If so, we believe we can get 50% off books if we order through them.

Please let Mrs Rogers know if you have any contacts.
Thank you



Shoe Box Appeal

The school has always supported the Oxford Homeless Pathways charity (OxHoP) at Christmas time and provided shoeboxes for their clients. OxHoP enables homeless people to find and sustain stable housing by providing emergency facilities, resettlement advice and assistance, and appropriate move-on accommodation. Their aims and objectives are:

- To provide safe emergency accommodation and daytime facilities for those in need.
- To help homeless people to move on to more appropriate accommodation and a more independent and stable lifestyle.
- To work with other agencies to fight homelessness, raise awareness and promote social inclusion.
- To reflect best practice in homelessness support.

We would like to help this worthy organization again this year by providing shoeboxes full of things that their clients might find useful. These could include socks, toiletries (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shower gel), chocolate (always goes down well!), a notebook, pen and other small stationery items.

Later this term some clients from the shelter in Oxford will be visiting school to talk to the children. We would like to invite all of you and any members of your family who would be interested to come and listen to the talk and ask any questions you may have.



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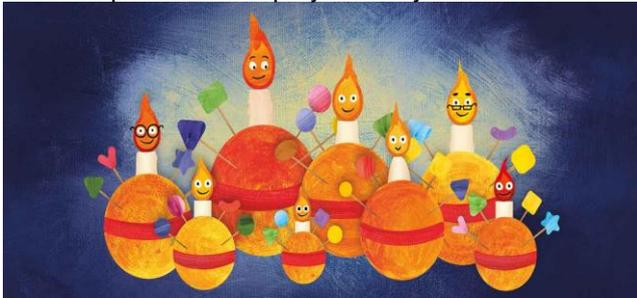
Please bring your shoeboxes into school from 17th November. We do have some spare shoeboxes if you can't get hold of one, please ask a member of staff. If you have any spare shoeboxes please bring them into school as soon as possible. If you don't want to do a whole shoebox why not bring in some donations that we can use to fill up more boxes in school. We would like to thank you for your continued support.

Walking Nativity & Christingle Service

Walking Nativity – Monday 16th December at 5.30pm, St. Stephen's Church, Clanfield

This will be the 3rd time we have done this delightful event; starting at St. Stephen's Church, we will walk down through the village, listening to the children telling the story of the Nativity and singing well-known carols. We will finish at the gazebo in the school playground, and then head over to the Carter Institute for more carols and mulled wine around the village Christmas tree. Everyone is welcome – please wrap up warm and bring a torch!

We will be asking KS2 children to volunteer for parts in the nativity and sending letters home on Wednesday 4th December: if you are happy for your child to take part and can accompany them on the night, please return the permission slip by Monday 9th December.



Christingle Service – Wednesday 18th December at 1.30pm, St. Stephen's Church, Clanfield

Everyone is invited to our Christingle Service led by Rev. Janice Collier. All the children will be making Christingles in school on Wednesday morning, and they will be distributed during the service for the children to take home and enjoy.

(There are always some extra ones for younger siblings.) There will be a collection at the service to support the work of The Children's Society who work with vulnerable children and young people across the UK. After the service, the children will be taken back to school for the usual 3pm collection in the playground.

Book Recommendation

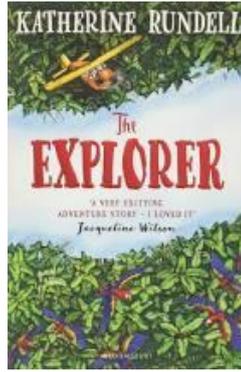
This week's book recommendation is from Mrs Rogers.

Mrs Rogers says... I loved reading this book with my daughter! It was recommended to me by another Teacher and I could not put it down!

An action book in every meaning of the word; crash landing in the jungle! A map, found by chance, shows the main characters where they need to go, leading them to a ruined city of secrets. Katherine Rundell uses fabulous language to describe the settings which keeps you engaged and makes the dangers of the jungle leap from the pages!

I think children from Year 3 upwards would enjoy this book; it has adventure, friendships and mystery, and is an exciting read!

I know my daughter has loved listening to me read this to her, so I hope you'll enjoy it too; let her know what you think of it!



Staff courses

NG+ AC-Powerfully Positive lunchtimes

KR+KSM-Headteacher partnership meeting

KSM- Prayer Space training

KR- English Lead training

HT- Greater Depth in Writing

KR/KSM- OCC School Improvement partner visit

Attendance Teddy

Ruby Class 97.93%

Diamond Class 96.30%

Sapphire Class 97.71%

Topaz Class 96.85%



ASC

ASC have been very busy this term making biscuits, decorating cakes and making puppets.

Look what we have been making. What wonderful creations



Music and Movement



M and M sang beautifully in assembly. They sang High High Hopes by Panic! At The Disco.

We are told that the children's singing is always the highlight of Lily's afternoon. Well done Lily and children, we are very proud of you.

Diamond (Rye) Class

In Diamond class we have been experimenting with colour mixing, using the primary colours. We found our favourite combination of colours.



Ruby (Barrow) & Sapphire (Linton) Class



I cannot believe we are in the last week of November already! Sapphire class has been very busy over the last few weeks and will only get busier in the lead up to Christmas. Last Tuesday we were joined by Ruby class for the morning where we all managed to do a science lesson on pushes and pull forces. We all played with some toys that required a push or pull action and Ruby class were able to identify which toys required which force, then Sapphire carried out an investigation into the variation of friction that is produced by different surface types and the effect this has on the speed of a toy car. After a fun playtime we found a space in small groups where the children from Sapphire read and shared their class story, Leon and the place between, with the smaller children. They all thoroughly enjoyed the morning and I was very proud of how all of the Children worked together.

In PE we have been developing dribbling control and possession of the ball. The children have learnt how to play football stuck in the mud and they are loving it. To progress this further they have now introduced defenders to the stuck in the mud game to make it that little more tricky.



Over the next few weeks we will be making crafts to sell at the Christmas fayre in order to make a profit that the class can then use on something beneficial to us. We will also be learning the songs we will need to sing in the Christmas concert and will be making a start on writing our own part to Leon and the place between.

Miss Davies

Topaz (West) Class

We have had a couple of busy weeks in Topaz class. The parts for Rockerfella have been given out and we are busy with rehearsals. Please help your children with any lines they have to learn and all soloists have been given a CD of music so they can practice at home. A costume list will be given out to your child next week.



All of the Year 6 children took part in "Bikeability" which was teaching them road safety awareness, how to ride safely on the road and general bike maintenance. Well done to all of them as they persevered through the wet and cold weather and completed the course successfully.



In addition to this, a number of children from year 5 and 6 chose to take part in a National Primary Maths Challenge. They all worked hard at the challenge with a number of them achieving Bronze, Silver and Gold Certificates.

In literacy, we have been taking inspiration from Harry Potter to help us write tense narration and exciting dialogue.



Mrs Timms