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*We are a global community, learning and growing together.*

**Monday, 23 April 2018**

### PTA

3<sup>rd</sup> May Auction of Promises:

We will need your promises by  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April.  
Thank you.

### Term Dates

#### 2017 -2018

Half term ends on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May at **3pm**  
The second half of term starts on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Term ends on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at **1.30pm**

#### 2018-2019

School starts on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September.  
Half term ends on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October at **3pm**  
The second half of term starts on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October  
Term ends on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at **1:30pm**  
Term 2 starts 8<sup>th</sup> January  
Half term ends 15<sup>th</sup> February at **3pm**

#### **Dear Parents and Carers,**

The warm weather means children need to come to school prepared. I have never seen so many lovely hats coming into school on Friday. Remember to send sun cream and clothing that covers your children's shoulders. No flip flops please. Remember water bottles. Children have been very sensible and have enjoyed the weather. We have ground bees again on the field but if we leave them alone they will leave us alone.

Thank you for all the wonderful greetings at the start of the day. I hope these are continued into the classroom!

#### **Collective Worship**

18<sup>th</sup> April – Internet Safety – Thank you Mrs Donaghey for highlighting all the important messages to ensure we stay safe.

25<sup>th</sup> April -Topic work

2<sup>nd</sup> May – FSU

9<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5

16<sup>th</sup> May – Year 4

22<sup>nd</sup> May Music concert FSU Year 1, Year 3, Year 5 to start at 9.15am.

23<sup>rd</sup> May – Science

6<sup>th</sup> June – Topics and trips

13<sup>th</sup> June – P4C

20<sup>th</sup> June – Run Jericho

27<sup>th</sup> June – Forest School

4<sup>th</sup> July – PE

11<sup>th</sup> July – Class and personal achievements throughout the year.

18<sup>th</sup> July – Thank you and Goodbye

24<sup>th</sup> July Leavers Assembly

#### **Thursday Collective Worship**

26<sup>th</sup> April – no worship by the clergy but there will be an assembly about managing allergies.

3<sup>rd</sup> May Rogation

10<sup>th</sup> May Ascension

17<sup>th</sup> May Marriage

24<sup>th</sup> May Pentecost

7<sup>th</sup> June Trinity

14<sup>th</sup> June not yet decided

21<sup>st</sup> June St John the Baptist

28<sup>th</sup> June The Apostles

5<sup>th</sup> July St Martin

12<sup>th</sup> July St Benedict and St Scholastica

19<sup>th</sup> July Finding the Temple

### Weekly Attendance Data

#### **Weekly number of children late per class:**

Foundation Stage (excluding Nursery): 3

Year 1: 3

Year 2: 6

Year 3: 3

Year 4: 3

Year 5: 4

Year 6: 1

Thank you to everyone that is regularly on time it really does make a difference to the children's learning, staff and the office.

**Lates:** thank you to families that are working with the class teachers to improve lateness. Please discuss with the class teacher if there is any way that the school can help you get your child to school on time. We know traffic can be an issue for some families but if you live locally and are having problems we may be able to arrange to come and walk your child to school.

#### **Whole School Attendance: 96.56%**

We aim to achieve a minimum of 95% attendance each week, however we would like this to improve and for the school to achieve at least 96% attendance or higher.

**Attendance:** If your child is unable to attend school then please telephone the office and leave a message, selecting the option to report an absence or alternatively you can email the office ([office.3832@st-barnabas.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3832@st-barnabas.oxon.sch.uk)). As stated in our Attendance Policy 'It is expected that parents will contact school as soon as it is reasonably practical (eg by 9.30 am) on every day their child is unable to attend'. Thank you.

**Our value is Forgiveness**

**After School Club:** We have had to change the Safeguarding arrangements at the end of the day. The gate between KS1 and KS2 playground will be locked at 3.30pm. If you need to access your bike contact After School Club – details at the entrance to the school. On Friday follow slightly different instructions. If there are any problems please knock on my window and I will sort it out. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

**Class Photo's:** Please remember to return your order form with payment enclosed to the school office by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

**New Books:** We had a very generous donation of new books from OUP thanks to one of our parents. We have lots of books in the foyer that your children are welcome to take.

**Ducklings in FSU:** The FSU have had a wonderful experience of watching ducklings hatch.

**Year 3:** I was lucky enough to see some wonderful examples of games made by Year 3 about the properties of rocks. I loved the twister game, there were some beautifully presented board games and some examples of different rocks had to be recognised to play one game.

**Topic work** is underway in all classes and KS1 are finding out about animals in different habitats. Year 5 are turning their classroom into a Jungle and Year 4 are investigating Oxford.

**SATs:** Year 6 are working on all areas of the curriculum and spending time preparing for SATs. The SATs test however does not assess what makes your child special and unique. Mrs Donaghey and Mrs Pogoose are skilled at supporting and preparing the children but alongside that they are ensuring that the children know they are valued and appreciated for all their skills and talents.

## You can sign up for Run Jericho NOW!!!!

<https://www.runbritain.com/races>

Run Jericho is on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June this year. The money raised has supported the library, outdoor equipment and IT equipment. It makes such a difference to the school and we are so grateful to our wonderful families that make it possible.

**Allergies:** Please remember we are a nut and seed free school. Please do not send in Kiwi fruit as some children are allergic – thank you.

Please see a link for information about allergies.

'living with anaphylactic allergies':

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zpdy6fr>

**Cherwell School Science Fair:** is taking place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm to 4pm on the North site. Everyone welcome.

### Internet Safety Websites:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-parents/im-worried-about-cyberbullying>

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

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

### Dates:

#### **May Dancing**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 1.30pm if weather prevents it happening  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1.30pm in the KS1 playground.

24<sup>th</sup> April Latin Club restarts

25<sup>th</sup> April Year 3 Go Wild workshop in school.

25<sup>th</sup> April Year 1 to a music concert.

2<sup>nd</sup> May Year 6 IMPS training and Year 2 to Bookfeast.

3<sup>rd</sup> May Year 1 Bookfeast.

4<sup>th</sup> May Year 3 Bookfeast.

### Useful websites to support learning

<http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk> all ages all subjects

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk> maths and English for all ages

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk> maths and English for all ages

<http://www.doorwayonline.org.uk>  
handwriting and learning to type

youTube channels to subscribe to - Year 6  
Grammaropolis  
TheAnimatedClassroom  
Math Antics

also Cursive Handwriting: How to Write the Alphabet  
Mister Teach  
Harry Kindergarten Music  
Times tables song 1-12 pickupguitar

**Yours sincerely**

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