



Creating Excellence, Embracing All

School Times

Breakfast Club

7.30am - 8.45am

Afterschool Club

3.15pm - 6.00pm

Main School

8.45am - 3.15pm

Nursery Times

Morning Session

8.50am - 11.40am

Afternoon Session

12.30pm - 3.20pm

Caterpillars

Mon-Thurs 8.45am-12.30pm

Diary Dates

22 Jan	Yr 2 at Cotswold Wildlife Park
23 Jan	Yr 1 at Cotswold Wildlife Park
26 Jan	International Food Day
31 Jan	Vision Screening - Rec
6 Feb	Safer Internet Day
7 Feb	Pancake Races
8 Feb	Weights & Measures - Rec and Yr 6

12-16 Feb **Half Term - School closed**

26 Feb-2 Mar	Book Week
27&28 Mar	Parents' Evening

ASSEMBLIES

26 Jan	Star Assembly
2 Feb	1LR Class Assembly
9 Feb	1CM Class Assembly
9 Mar	3AN Class Assembly
29 Mar	Star Assembly
27 Apr	Star Assembly
4 May	5ZM Class Assembly
25 May	Star Assembly

CAKE

26 Jan	SALES
2 Feb	Choir
9 Feb	Nursery
9 Feb	Reception
23 Feb	Botley Bridges
9 Mar	4LG
16 Mar	5JC
23 Mar	5ZM
20 Apr	4AL

Class Attendance - Winter Term

- 1LR - 90%
- 1CM - 97.2%
- 2RD - 95.1%
- 2TH - 88%
- 3AN - 94.2%
- 3SW - 97.8% 😊
- 4LG - 94%
- 4AL - 90.4%
- 5ZM - 91%
- 5JC - 95%
- 6JP - 95.4%
- 6LK - 97%

5ZM

This week 5ZM were given the opportunity to take part in the Primary Playmaker scheme



delivered by award-winning children's play write Renata Allen with the support of Paul Simpson.

The children

took part in two sessions each day which consisted of practical

activities as well as a written task of typing up their own playwrite.



Two of the children's plays will be selected and then performed live by professional actors on the main stage as part of the Oxford Playhouse Young Players Festival in March 2018. 5ZM have thoroughly enjoyed themselves this week!

Year 3 Chutney Making

In early October 2017, Year 3 went to one of our huge apple trees in our playground and collected some of its ripe, juicy apples. Our mission was to create some apple chutney as part of our harvest celebration. The ingredients we needed were:

- Apples
- Sugar
- Raisins
- Vinegar
- Mustard seeds
- Salt

The first job was to peel and chop the apples. It was very hard work! The apples were then put in a pan with all the other ingredients and heated gently for 20 mins. The chutney was complete. We poured it into a large sterilized jar and it was stored in a cupboard for 3 months



to mature. Last Friday we were lucky enough to try it. Mrs Neil brought in some

crackers and cheese for us to eat it with. Some of us had never tried chutney before and we were not sure if we would like it. Most of us gave it a go and were pleasantly surprised by how tasty it was! It was much sweeter than we thought it would be. We had a vote, rating our chutney out of 5. 22 out of 45 gave it 5/5! Miss Marsh, our Headteacher, said "It was the best chutney that she had tasted over the Christmas holidays!" Immy & Ashton

2TH Class Assembly

Well done and thank you to 2TH for their assembly this morning. They shared with us things they had done and learned last term!



Carillion – Food & More

We just wanted to reassure you that OCC is taking over the meal services from Carillion and that we should remain unaffected. For more information please go to <http://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxfordshire-county-council-acts-swiftly-after-carillion-goes-into-liquidation/>

FOBS



FOBS would like to thank everyone who supported us last year, and to

the many parents who donated through ParentPay in December.

Date for your diary:

Friday 2nd Feb 6-7.30pm

Key Stage 2 Disco: This year we will be taking payments by ParentPay (£2.50) in advance, or £3.50 cash on the day. As this is a KS2 Disco it is not necessary for parents to stay for the whole time, however please ensure you give your contact details to the staff on the door when dropping your child off.

Tuesday 19th June: Giffords Circus trip for the whole school. More information to follow after half term, but please save this date as we will have some spare tickets for parents and younger siblings to attend also. We are hoping to host our very own Film Club screening of Moana at some point in February. Please look out for details coming soon.

COMMUNITY NEWS

For all non-school organised activities parents should satisfy themselves that all safeguarding measures are appropriate

Home-Start Oxford – Two Part Time Vacancies

Do you share our passion for supporting vulnerable families, and have the skills we are looking for? Do get in touch, or download the application packs below.

Business Administrator – 30 hrs p/w - £18,140 (FTE)

We are looking for an experienced administrator who loves good order, is highly efficient, with great communication skills. The role requires numeracy, initiative, sensitivity, and someone who thrives in a busy team environment. Job-share will be considered.

Fundraiser – 10 hrs p/w - £21-24k (FTE)

We're scouting for an exceptional communicator to work alongside our Scheme Manager, and help achieve our funding goals. We are looking for a highly motivated individual with experience in Trusts and Foundations or community fundraising, for this flexible new role.

Closing Date: **12 noon**

Wednesday 7th February 2018.

Interviews 19 & 20th February.

For further information and to download the application packs. Please access our website.

<http://www.home-startoxford.org.uk/>

Home-Start Oxford is committed to equality of opportunity and diversity, and to safe recruiting practice as part of safeguarding and protecting vulnerable children and adults. An enhanced DBS check is required for each of these roles.

Pedestrian Crossing

The County Council are consulting on the design for the new pedestrian crossing over West Way, near Botley School. Instead of having a 'pen' in the middle of the road, pedestrian will cross both lanes of traffic at once. This is positive, but there are concerns the pavement on the Elms Road side of West Way is not being made wider. The pavement gets very crowded during school pick up and drop off times and some parents think it should be made wider as part of this redesign to make it safer for children waiting to cross.

Please have a look at the plans and feedback to the County Council via this link if you have any comments: <https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult/ti/B4044WestWayPuffin/consultationHome>

CLlr Emily Smith

Botley and Sunningwell Ward

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Botley Bridges Fundraising

Save the date – **Friday, 23rd February** as Botley Bridges are running a fundraising event at Dean Court Community Centre. We are looking for people to give favours and buy! There will be food and a bar. Tickets available in January. See website for details of how to pledge a favour
www.botleybridges.org

Furniture



We were kindly donated some tables and chairs and we have some surplus to our needs. If you would be interested in any of the above, please see Elaine Low. We would ask for a small donation. Many thanks.

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