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DRY SANDFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Leading Lifelong Learning; Creating Caring Communities.

07/06/2024

FODSS:

If you have a child in the school, the good news is that you're already a member of Friends of Dry Sandford School (FODSS). We look forward to welcoming our new families who will be joining us in September. If you can spare any time or have any skills or contacts to offer to contribute towards fundraising events for the school, please contact FODSS: <https://www.dry-sandford.oxon.sch.uk/friends-of-dry-sandford/>

PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING (Free School Meals): Your child may be eligible for extra funding to support their learning and wellbeing at school. Please pop into the school office, give us a call or an email, or take a look at the Pupil Premium section of our website to find out more – we just need a few details to find out if you are entitled.

RADLEY COLLEGE ORCHESTRA DAY – June 2024



Those children from Key Stage 2 who play a musical instrument, had a wonderful day at Radley College taking part in a full day Orchestra along with other local schools. It was a fantastic experience for them to be involved in and also a really fun day. The day ended with a chance to showcase what they had achieved throughout the day and we were pleased that many of our parents were able to attend. Many thanks to Helen Eccleston who put the whole day together and has been working with the children weekly to rehearse and prepare for the event.

SUMMER FAIR

Many thanks to everyone who responded to the Form asking for volunteers to help on the day at our Summer Fete. There are still a few spaces on our rota so please get in touch with the office if you're able to spare any time to run a stall on the day.

We look forward to welcoming you all for food, drinks, games, tombolas, stalls and fun next Friday! Please continue to spread the word to family and the wider community – all welcome. Fingers crossed for some sunny weather!

WOOL DONATIONS

If you have any wool at home that you no longer need, HOOTS would love any donations for craft activities. Please send in to the school office or give directly to Mrs Akers.



UPDATES AND REMINDERS FOR SEPTEMBER – please note some new changes

Uniform

The staff team have worked together to update our list of uniform expectations. We hope that the updated list (attached to this email and also available on our school website) will provide clarity on what clothing is and isn't allowed, as well as when different items should be worn. The main change to make you aware of is that, **from September, separate indoor and outdoor shoes will no longer be required** – see further details about expected footwear on the uniform list document. If you have any questions about our school's uniform policy, please do get in touch.

Healthy snacks and lunches

As part of the curriculum and our duty of care, we are proud to be a healthy eating school and endeavour to encourage a healthy, balanced diet across all aspects of school life.

- Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are provided with a break time snack, consisting of a portion of fruit or vegetables, each day.
- Key Stage 2 children are welcome to bring in a portion of fruit or vegetables to have as their break time snack. Other (healthy) food items should be kept for lunchtime.
- Packed lunches should include a balance of different food groups: starchy foods, like bread, rice, potatoes or pasta; protein foods like meat, fish, eggs or beans; a dairy item, like cheese or yoghurt; vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit.
- Children should also bring a full, named drinks bottle, containing only water, which they are encouraged to drink from throughout the day. Other drinks are not needed.

We have noticed an increase recently in snacks and packed lunches items that don't follow these expectations; such as chocolate bars, sharing-size bags of crisps, and other items high with sugar/fat content. From September, the staff team will be focusing on enforcing the expectations above to ensure that they are consistently and fairly followed. If you are in need of some inspiration for packed lunches, suggestions and recipes can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/#tips> Please get in touch if we can support your family with this at all. Many thanks to all of those families who have continued to support our healthy snack and packed lunches approach.

Birthday sweets

We know how important birthdays are to children and families and we love to get involved with each class having their own traditions, such as singing Happy Birthday to children or sharing a class card on their special day. It has also become common for children to bring in sweets and other treats to share with their classmates. With our class sizes being up to 32, this has meant that children are often being given sweets on a weekly or fortnightly basis. We hope you understand that this has led us to make the decision to ask our families, from September, to please bring an end to this practice, in keeping with our healthy eating approach. If you are still keen to mark your child's birthday in some way, then we welcome book donations for our class libraries or items can be chosen from our school Wish List to benefit the whole class.

Mobile Phones

For safeguarding purposes, the school site is a no mobile phone zone for all visitors, parents and families. We thank you for your support in putting your phone away when you enter the school grounds at drop-off, pick-up and any other time you are on site. Children in year six who have permission to walk home can still bring their switched off phones to the office to be supervised for the day. Further guidance on mobile phone use in schools can be found by clicking this link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65cf5f2a4239310011b7b916/Mobile_phones_in_schools_guidance.pdf

What's happening:

Monday 8th July – Quiz House Challenge

Tuesday 9th July – Whole school transition morning

Thursday 11th July – Odds Farm School Trip for Owlets and Barn Owls

Friday 12th July – 3pm-6pm: School Summer Fete

Monday 15th July – Friday 19th July – Eagle Owls residential trip to Yenworthy

Thursday 18th July – Anglo-Saxon day for the Snowy Owls Class

Monday 22nd July – Sports Morning from 9.15am – parents and families welcome

Tuesday 23rd July – Teddy Bear's Picnic for Owlets and Barn Owls

Wednesday 24th July – Leavers Assembly from 9.15am

Wednesday 24th July – Last day of term. **School ends 3.05/3.10pm**

Thursday 25th July – Friday 30th August – SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September – INSET DAYS (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 4th September – First day of new academic year

STAFFING UPDATE

As you know, Mrs Busby will be retiring at the end of this term. We are very pleased to share with you that Mrs Lyons has been appointed as the new School Administrator and Finance Officer. Many of you will already know Helen as she is a parent of two current pupils and I'm sure you will join us in welcoming her to her new role. She has already started to spend time shadowing and training alongside Mrs Busby and will be starting officially in September.

With Miss Stirling also retiring at the end of this term, Mrs Crothers will now be taking over as the main Eagle Owls teacher with Mrs Friday teaching on Mrs Crothers' non-working day.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The school council have been working hard behind the scenes thinking about how we can improve our school community. We are looking forward to the summer term and are grateful for everyone's hard work! In school we have chosen to name the good marks Owl, Posey. This Owl is awarded to the house colour who has earned the most good marks that term, these are earned through showing the school values of determination, creativity, kindness and respect. We have also been monitoring the lights and recycling bins encouraging everyone to help look after our environment! We are excited to continue working on some of our suggestions in September.

SERVICE FAMILIES - DEPLOYMENT FORMS

If any parent is going away on deployment – please complete a deployment form so that we can provide additional support to your child/ren during this period of time. Deployment forms are available from the office or online via our website under the 'Service Families' section. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Platt, Service Children's Champion - via our school office.

SERVICE FAMILIES - READING FORCE

Reading Force is a fun and positive activity for serving and veteran military families and their children. We have handed out scrapbooks to all our current children but if you wish to enquire further about anything relating to this scheme, please email: info@readingforce.org.uk. Each child, who received a scrapbook, can claim a free book using the QR code inside the book.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Oxfordshire Libraries are taking part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge, which is a lovely way to encourage children to read for pleasure and keep up their reading skills during the long school break. For more information, pop into your local library or visit the website: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> We would love to celebrate those children who have taken part by sharing their certificates in our Celebration Assemblies in September.

DRY SANDFORD'S HALL OF FAME

Congratulations to the following pupils who earned certificates in Celebration Assemblies in June:



Learning & Caring Certificates:

Nuala
Kai O
Esmee
Ottlie
Harry
Stanley
Ava
Connor
Sophie
Oakley
Niyana
Faith
Kai L
Jack
Louisa
Rayson

Headteacher Awards:

Izzy
Onick
Emma
Jasmine
Brendon
Niyana
Austin
Abi
Indee-Rose
Richie
Catalina
Darcey
Eva

Headteacher Reward:

Sofia
Max
Ottlie
Natalie
Amelia
Rayna
Noahang
Darcey
Neave
Ana



Free places for children in receipt of benefit related free school meals

Summer Holiday Clubs
St Nicholas' Primary School, Oxford
These clubs are open to children aged 3-11

Monday to Friday from 29th July to 23rd August

Activities include dodgeball, dance, drama, yoga, multi skills, ball games, art and crafts, team and confidence building activities and much more.



Cost: £35 per day
All childcare vouchers accepted

Timings: 8am-5pm

To find out more or to book visit
www.rattleandrollperformance.com
or call 07722 014301



ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMPS

GET SET FOR ULTIMATE HOLIDAY FUN!



Outstanding holiday camps for 4 to 12 year olds throughout the summer holidays at

CHANDLINGS PREP SCHOOL IN OXFORD

ULTIMATEACTIVITY.CO.UK

Monday - Friday
8 am - 6 pm

Get creative with tech this summer!



Minecraft Engineers Spark Coding Design Camp

Find a holiday camp near you at
www.codecamp.co.uk

Join a creative quest

A fun and free 1 hour workshop for 5-11 year olds.

Explore Learning tutors will take children on an adventure; breaking codes, solving problems, creating poetry and using their imagination.

Date: Tuesday 30th July
Abingdon Library

Time: 11:30am-12:30pm

Call us today to book your space, or speak to the library team to get your ticket.

Phone: 01865 595 509

Take part, get creative and win!
Everyone who takes part will have a chance to win a prize worth £350.

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Summer Reading Challenge
Delivered in partnership with libraries



TECH CAMP 2024
TWO WEEKS OF TECH FUN AT EACH LOCATION

WEEK 1: ROBOTICS, VR & TECH FUN
Program robots, design games, model 3D creations, experience Virtual Reality, learn to make like a Pro DJ, master Videography and Editing... plus MORE! LATEST! A week of inspiration and creation with MAXIMUM excitement. Children will experiment and challenge themselves, whilst learning real-world skills.

WEEK 2: MINECRAFT & LEGO ENGINEERING
Designed for ULTIMATE fun and education! Students can dive into Minecraft Education and design game elements, build Redstone circuits and derive logic coding fundamentals. Then take a deeper look into engineering using LEGO bricks combined with sensors and motors, to create cool inventions powered by code.

What to bring to camp?
Packed Lunch and Drinks (not max), Water Bottle, Medication if Required, Weather Appropriate Clothing

We are in your area!
We have more than 80 camps running this Summer. Find your local camp on our website: www.nextthing.education

RAVE REVIEWS ★★★★★
"Both my son and daughter had lots of fun, made new friends, learnt new skills and will not stop talking about the Robots!"
Lucy Hunt - St Ebbas's Primary School

Only **£175** for 5 DAYS or **£299** for 10 DAYS!

www.nextthing.education E: info@nextthing.education T: 01442 873150

Space Activity Days Summer Holidays 2024

Give children the perfect fun-filled space-themed activity day! Exciting and adventure-packed activities, games and sports to keep children engaged during school holidays - promoting creativity, learning, imagination & social skills!

9:00am - 4:00pm each day

Mon 29th - Thu 1st August & Mon 5th - Thu 8th August at Ladygrove Community Centre Tamar Way, Didcot OX11 7UQ

Tue 27th - Wed 28th August at Witney Community Primary School, Hailey Road, Witney OX28 1HL

Thu 29th - Fri 30th August at Wolvercote Young People's Club St Peter's Road, Oxford OX2 8AU

Accepting Childcare Vouchers
10% Sibling Discount

Full Days & Half Days available for booking now!
Scan the QR code or visit www.spacestore.co/activitydays
Email: activitydays@spacestore.co

SPACE STORE
spacestore.co

Stall Holders

Aureus School's
SUMMER FETE
Saturday, 13th July
11 - 2 pm

FOOD, DRINKS & ENTERTAINMENT

Ice Creams & Refreshments

Aureus Dance

BKB FOOD

LITTLE RASCALS

League of Friends

INFLATABLE JOUSTING

Elmaz Productions

Scouts 12th District

Skyla's Dog Bandanas

OXFORDSHIRE WILDLIFE RESCUE

Bake Box BakeBoxCatering.com

Berry Bakes

Belinda's Children's Pamper Parties

Play2Give

Knit & Stitch

Trust

beautifully fragranced candles

Crochet Goods

Kala's sweet treats

Needle Design Face Painting

Optional donation on the gate.

Aureus School

YOU'RE INVITED

Thursday, 11th July 2024 • 5:30pm - 6:30pm

"We are immensely proud of the remarkable journey our school has taken in such a short amount of time, showcasing the boundless potential of what lies ahead." Kirsty Rogers, Aureus Headteacher



5:30pm: Visit our courtyard area for refreshments, entertainment and the opportunity to speak with some of our students.

5:45pm: Listen to Kirsty Rogers talk about the journey Aureus School has been on since September and the future plans for the school.

6:15pm: Chat with the Senior Leadership Team.

Aureus School
Cultivating ambition, high standards for all.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.AUREUSSCHOOL.ORG



Save Our Swimming Pool

Oxford Brookes plan to close the swimming pool this September.

SIGN THE PETITION

Our pool is under threat now, followed by the gym and playing fields.

TELL US WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT TO YOU

Join our campaign to Save Our Swimming Pool (and gym and playing fields.)

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.botleynorthhinksey-pc.gov.uk/sos/

USE IT OR LOSE IT

Botley and North Hinksey Parish Council
www.botleynorthhinksey-pc.gov.uk




OLA
OUR LADY'S ABINGDON

OLA holiday swimming lessons

We offer small groups with experienced teachers. All welcome from the age of 4+.

Dates: Monday 5 - Friday 9 August (mornings)
Monday 12 - Friday 16 August (mornings)
Buy one week and get 20% discount on the next.

Confidence building: £50 per week (30 minute lesson)
Beginners: £50 per week (30 minute lesson)
Stroke improvement: £75 per week (45 minute lesson)

Contact: To book or for further information please email Abbie Didcock at swimminglessons@ola.org.uk

Catholic independent day school for age 7-18s
Radley Road | Abingdon-on-Thames | OX14 3PS | 01235 524658 | www.ola.org.uk

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OXFORDSHIRE SHORT BREAKS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Packed full of sport, games and fun activities to provide your child with the ultimate fun and safe experience. For children and young people who are autistic but do not have a learning disability.

LONG FURLONG PRIMARY SCHOOL, BOULTER DR, ABINGDON OX14 1XP
TIME: 10.00AM - 3.00PM
LAUNCHING: 30TH JULY

For more information contact: jake.ramshaw@sportworksltd.co.uk

To book, click the link or scan the QR code:
<https://bookwhen.com/sportworks/e/ev-seup-20240608100000>



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