



From the Head

Happy Friday to all! It is a strange world we live in when I am celebrating school staying open and free of Covid for another full week! Thank you to all our parents, children and staff who have been so co-operative, cautious and understanding as we have navigated through this very difficult time. Hopefully, we are nearly there... and look forward to a time soon when we can conduct business as usual with all the wonderful primary school experiences you and your children deserve.

You should all have received end of year reports yesterday - I hope you find them to be useful. If there are any queries after reading the report, please do contact your child's class teacher.

I would like to update you on a few small changes that will come into effect when we return in September. The first one is regarding Forest School. Forest School lessons will continue as usual on a weekly basis in Year 2 downwards, but for older students, weekly sessions will cease. Older students will still go into the forest and outdoors as much as possible for their learning, but instead of weekly sessions will have termly half-day forest sessions instead. This decision is partly in response to feedback received from parents, but also so that KS2 students can spend more time in classrooms closing any remaining learning gaps following recent lockdowns.

We have also made the decision with our Junior classes to focus on learning just *one* language (French), rather than four, so that as children move from Year 3 to Year 6, they may begin to develop some fluency. Restrictions permitting, I cannot wait to invite parents back into school early in the academic year to talk about other planned developments next year.

Sports Day was amazing today, and clearly thoroughly enjoyed by all! Attitudes from our children were so positive and sporting, competing with smiles on their faces and cheering each other on throughout. I am so sorry we could not have parents there to see, but glad that our children, especially our Year 6 students who leave us next week, got to enjoy the event.

There is only 1 important date left in the diary and that is **Wednesday 21st July**, our last day of term. Please collect your children **at 2pm**. Children return to school after the holidays on Friday 3rd September.

We look set for a sunny few days, I wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing weekend!

KS2 House Coding Competition Results

Congratulations to the winners of our House Coding Competition: Thomas Baxter, Freddie Stephens and Thomas James. Congratulations especially to Thomas in Year 5 whose entry came second overall in the 123ICT regional competition. Otters were the winning House.



Infant House Rounders

The sun shone, the bowlers were quick, the batters ran like the wind and the fielders made sure the bases were well-manned. Sportsmanship, agility, determination and humour showed throughout the morning, and it felt wonderful to be taking part in our first Infant Inter-house Rounders tournament since 2019, not least because Miss Jenkinson's famous zebra hat also made an appearance. All teams played with passion and heart with most of the scores being very close. However, the clear winners were Stags 2 - scoring a whopping 16 rounders! A lovely community event at the end of a very busy term.



Outdoor Clothes

If you have any outdoor waterproofs that are in good condition and are now no longer needed, please send them in (clean and washed) and leave them at the Office. Thank you!

Oxfordshire Adult Learning

"If I had my time again...", "I wish I carried on learning that instrument...", "It'd be great if I knew how to speak that language..." Oxfordshire Adult Learning have hundreds of part time courses available across the county so there is no reason to regret not doing something you've always wanted to do! Their [new prospectus](#) is out now for courses starting in September 2021.



Climate Change Art Competition

Anya, a sixth former at Chipping Norton School and member of the Youth Council for the UN Climate and Oceans Association, has organised an Art Competition to raise awareness about environmental problems. Winning entries will win an art set and be exhibited online in a virtual gallery. More information can be found here: [Art Competition link](#). If you wish to enter the competition, all you need to do is draw your favourite endangered animal and email your entry to unaco.schoolsengagement@gmail.com.

50 things to do before you're five

A free app has launched just in time for the summer. Parents/carers of under-5s in Oxfordshire can now access low and no-cost local activities to help promote early language development. With information, guidance and supporting resources, parents can build a bank of their child's special moments – from playing in the rain, building dens, to making potions (#17 Hocus Pocus Potions). Find out more: <https://oxfordshire.50thingstodo.org>.

