



### Student Leaders

Our first tranche of student leaders have now been recruited and are beginning to carry out their duties.



Our new Head Girl, Annabel, and Head Boy, Connolly, led their first Assembly this morning and did a sterling job of delivering school messages and making our Stars of the Week feel proud of their achievements.

### House Captains:



Tobi - Robins

Benedict - Stags

Anna - Otters

William - Owls

Our House Captains are also now in post. We look forward to working with them over the coming months and hope that they are able to motivate their houses to score even more points this year!

More Student Leaders will be announced next week...

### Harvest

On 26 September we will have our annual harvest assembly - in the school hall. This year, we are collecting for the North Oxfordshire foodbank. Over the next fortnight, if your child wishes to, they can drop an item of food in the hall.

The foodbank welcomes all non-perishable items with 6 months shelf-life, but especially the following:

- tinned fruit, rice pudding or custard
- pasta sauce
- tinned vegetables including potatoes, carrots, peas, sweetcorn and tomatoes
- tins of soup, baked beans, spaghetti etc
- tins of meat / tins of tuna
- 500g packets of rice and pasta
- Coffee, tea and small packets of sugar
- Long-life milk and fruit juice
- biscuits, jams and spreads
- cereals
- washing up liquid, cleaning materials and liquid or tablet soap "powder"
- toilet rolls, soap, shampoo, deodorant etc

The last date for dropping off foodbank items is 9am on 30<sup>th</sup> September.

### Bank Holiday Monday 19 September

Following the sad passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, our school will be closed on Monday 19 September as a mark of respect and to allow our community the opportunity to pay its respects.

### Year 6 applications for Secondary School

The application process for secondary school places is now open and all applications must be submitted by 31 October 2022. If you live in Oxfordshire you must apply online using the [Oxfordshire portal](#); if you live in Gloucestershire or a different county, you need to use *their* portal. It does not matter which county the schools are based in, you must apply using the online application form for whichever county *you* reside in.

Parents seeking places for their child at an independent (fee-paying) school must apply directly to the relevant school(s).

When you apply using the County application portal, you can list up to four different schools in order of preference. We would advise you to use all four and to ensure that, even if it is not a first preference, that you enter your catchment (local) school as one of your preferences. This does not make it less likely that your child will be offered the school you most want (your first preference) but it does make it less likely that a place will be offered at a school you do not want.

We recommend that you read the school prospectuses and try to visit the schools you are interested in to be sure that the school feels right for your child.

If you need any help or advice with the process (we cannot advise on schools), please do speak to Mr Prockter.

### Parent Readers

Our parent readers are an amazing resource, and we would love to enlist some more! If you can manage just a couple of enjoyable hours each week reading with our children, you can really make a difference.

All volunteers will need to have a DBS check (criminal record check) and a child protection training session which we can provide. Volunteers usually work with children from classes other than their own child's cohort.

If you are interested, able to give a weekly commitment, and happy to supply some personal details, please [fill out the register of interest here](#).

### Value of the Month: Unity

Unity is:  
togetherness,  
collective strength and harmony,  
sticking together, even when things are tough.

## Parent Governor Election

A parent governor election is being conducted electronically over the next few days. If any parent would prefer to vote using a paper ballot form, then please visit the school office or email [events@kingham.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:events@kingham.oxon.sch.uk) and we will send home ballot papers with your child.

To vote, [please click on this link](#) and vote for one candidate. Please see the brief statement prepared by each candidate, before voting. There is also a link on the 'Governance' section of our website.

Each parent is entitled to vote and all votes must be received by 9am, Thursday 22 September. Votes received after this date, for whatever reason, will not be counted.

## Mental Health Awareness Training

Oxfordshire Youth is delivering an online Mental Health Awareness Session specifically for Parents and Carers of children and young people. The session takes place at 5:15pm on 4 October, and is free for Oxfordshire residents.

This training aims to aid understanding of relevant topics surrounding young people's mental health today. The training also explores how parents/carers can talk to their young people about the struggles around ill mental health and where they can seek support. If you wish to sign up, please click on this link: [Oxfordshire Mental Health Awareness Training](#).

In order for parents and carers to receive their free ticket please use the promo code, OX4, in capital letters.

## Diary Dates

Mon 19 Sep	Bank Holiday – school closed
Weds 28 Sep	CNS U11 Football Tournament (3pm)
Thurs 29 Sep	Y5 Gloucester Steam WW2 Trip
Fri 30 Sep	Deadline for Foodbank items – 9am
Mon 3 Oct	Black History Week
Weds 5 Oct	Y6 Hampton Court Trip
Thurs 6 Oct	Individual/Sibling photographs
Weds 19 Oct	U11 Hockey at CNS (3pm)
Fri 14 Oct	KPSA Quiz Night 7:30pm
Thurs 20 Oct	Junior Halloween Disco 5pm
Fri 21 Oct	Last day of half term
Mon 31 Oct	INSET Day
Tues 1 Nov	First day back
Fri 4 Nov	Flu Vaccinations
Weds 9 Nov	Year 3 Hill End Trip
Weds 9 Nov	Parents Evening
Thurs 10 Nov	Parents Evening
Mon 14 Nov	KPSA Meeting 3:15pm
Tues 20 Dec	Last day of Autumn Term
Mon 3 Jan	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tues 4 Jan	INSET Day – school closed
Weds 5 Jan	First Day of Spring Term