



### Christmas Jumper Day for CCLG

Thank you for your generous donations today for our Christmas Jumper Day. £265 has been raised for Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group and the KPSA.



### Junior Carol Concert

On Wednesday, our junior students participated in a carol service at All Saints in Churchill. The service opened with an enthralling solo of Once in Royal David's City, sung by Phoebe in Year 6. Soloist musicians, Esme and Honey in Year 6, entertained us on clarinet and saxophone respectively. A mixture of Christmas readings and beautiful performances by our choir followed. Thank you to all who came, and a special thanks to Mrs Warburton for organising such a delightful service.

### What's on in West Oxfordshire

There is a multitude of activities and events taking place in West Oxfordshire the run up to Christmas, including pantomimes, exhibitions, markets and concerts. please click on this link for more details:  
[www.westoxon.gov.uk](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk).

### CNPS Literary Quiz Champions



On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December a team of Year 6 bookworms took part in the annual Chipping Norton Partnership Literary Quiz. Keen to retain the prestigious trophy, our Kingham team entered along with seven other local schools. There were four rounds of killer-questions all based on children's literature. Congratulations to the Kingham team - Conolly, Esme, Isla and Thomas in Year 6 - who came first and won a selection of books and a trophy.

### Christmas

#### Infant Nativity Performances

Our Infants put on a wonderful Nativity this afternoon and, of course, there are two more performances next week. We still have a very small number of seats left for these, so please click on the links below if you still need more tickets:

[Monday Performance Tickets](#)

[Tuesday Performance Tickets](#)

#### Christmas Film Night

The date for the Christmas Film Night is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. We will be watching *Nativity!* Tickets are available via ParentMail. Pick-up time will be at 4:45pm

### Value of the Month: Tolerance

Tolerance is:  
accepting myself and others  
knowing we are all different  
being understanding and open minded.

## Diary Dates

Mon 12 Dec	Infant Nativity (5pm)
Tues 13 Dec	Infant Nativity (2pm)
Weds 14 Dec	School Christmas Lunch
Thurs 15 Dec	Infant Christmas Parties (am)
Fri 16 Dec	Christmas Film Night (3-4:45pm)
Fri 16 Dec	Junior House orienteering
<b>Tues 20 Dec</b>	<b>Last day of Autumn Term – 2pm finish</b>
Weds 4 Jan	INSET Day – school closed
<b>Thurs 5 Jan</b>	<b>First Day of Spring Term</b>
Weds 25 Jan	Egyptologist visit to Year 3
Thurs 26 Jan	Choir at <i>Young Voices</i>

## Group A Streptococcus information

The information for parents below is from the UK Health and Security Agency.

### *What is Group A Streptococcus?*

Group A Streptococcus or Streptococcus pyogenes is a bacterium that can be found in the throat and on the skin. People may carry it and have no symptoms of illness or may develop infection.

### *How is it spread?*

Group A Streptococcus survives in throats and on skin for long enough to allow easy spread between people through sneezing and skin contact. People who are currently carrying the bacteria in the throat or on the skin may have symptoms of illness or they may have no symptoms and feel fine. In both cases, these bacteria can be passed on to others.

### *What kinds of illnesses are caused by Group A Streptococcus?*

Most Group A Streptococcus illnesses are relatively mild, with symptoms including a sore throat ("strep throat"), scarlet fever or a skin infection such as impetigo. However, on rare occasions, these bacteria can cause other severe and sometimes life-threatening diseases.

Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, it should be treated with antibiotics to minimise the risk of complications and reduce the spread to others.

The symptoms of scarlet fever include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This is followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it will still feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth.

Children who have had chickenpox or influenza ('flu) recently are more likely to develop more serious infection during an outbreak of scarlet fever and so parents should remain vigilant for symptoms such as a persistent high fever, cellulitis (skin infection) and arthritis (joint pain and swelling). If you are

concerned for any reason please seek medical assistance immediately.

### *What is invasive Group A Streptococcal (iGAS) disease?*

Although rare, invasive Group A Streptococcus disease may occur when bacteria get into parts of the body where bacteria are not usually found. These infections are called invasive Group A Streptococcal disease and can be very serious and even life-threatening.

### *What are the symptoms of invasive Group A Streptococcal disease?*

The most important thing to be aware of are the early signs and symptoms of invasive Group A Streptococcal disease. These are:

- High Fever
- Severe muscle aches
- Localised muscle tenderness
- Redness at the site of a wound

### *What should I do if my child becomes unwell?*

If your child becomes unwell, contact your GP practice. Alternatively, you can call NHS111 and you should also call NHS111 if your surgery is closed.

### *If my child is unwell, should they stay off school?*

If your child becomes unwell with these symptoms you should contact your GP practice or call NHS111 (which operates a 24/7 service) to seek advice. If your child is unwell they should stay off school until they are better.

### *What else can I do to prevent my child from becoming unwell?*

Because Group A Streptococcal disease is spread through coughing, sneezing and skin contact, it's important to have good hand hygiene and catch coughs and sneezes in tissues and throw these away. If you are unwell, stay at home and seek medical advice. This will all help limit the spread of other infections, which are common this time of year