



### Goodbye Pauline!

Today, we said a very sad farewell to Pauline Thornton who has worked at Kingham Primary in the kitchen, and as a helper, for the past 25 years!

Pauline lives in the village and attended our school as a child herself and then many years later as a parent.

Pauline has been a constant source of fun, always laughing, always kind to our children as well as learning all their names.

Pauline has seen lots of changes here over the years and we know will leave with fond memories of the children she has worked with as we will fondly remember her. We wish Pauline well in her retirement and hope that she enjoys lots of long walks, travelling and time relaxing in the garden.



### Coming Soon: Book Week - Extreme Reading!

Where is the most interesting place your child has ever read a book? Whether it is up a tree or on top of a mountain, we want your photos!

We are kickstarting the *extreme reading*

challenge again this year and your mission is to take a picture of your child reading somewhere funky or unusual and send it in to school by Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. We are doing this as part of the school's celebration of World Book Day which is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. The competition is open to all pupils, parents, staff and governors. All photos will win house points and the most 'extreme' photos will win prizes. Please send your photos to [events@kingham.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:events@kingham.oxon.sch.uk).

If you love reading, and have such a passion that you have to read *anywhere* and *everywhere*, then we can't wait to see your snaps!



### Footsteps

With the days getting longer and the weather beginning to improve, hopefully in next week's half term you will be able to spend some time outdoors. Half term is a great opportunity to use Oxfordshire's



Footsteps Road Safety programme to begin to support children in their journey to becoming safer, independent pedestrians and road users.

The Footsteps guide will give you some ideas of how to support your child in developing the decision-making skills that will help them become a safer pedestrian when they eventually walk to school or a friend's home independently.

If children are ill-prepared, they are more likely to be injured in a road traffic incident. Data shows that the number of child pedestrians injured rises significantly around 10 -12 years of age – the time at which they begin to go out unaccompanied by adults.

The Footsteps programme is simple to use as it can be carried out in normal everyday situations such as walking to school or to the local shops. Rather than telling children what to do, you are encouraged to ask lots of open questions to make the children think about the decisions they are making. Making these decisions safely, while in the company of a supporting adult, will mean they will be better prepared for dealing with roads and traffic once they begin going out on their own.

Learning to cope with traffic is a practical skill, which can't be learnt in the classroom. As parents / carers, you are the best people to help your child develop this knowledge as you spend the most time out and about with them.

It is never too early to start talking to your child about road safety as, having a good understanding of road safety skills, could one day save their life.

Please follow the link to the Footsteps guide [Walking with children/365Alive](https://www.oxon.gov.uk/children/365Alive) and for guidance on giving your children the skills and knowledge they need to stay safer on our roads.

## West Oxon Cross-Country Tournament



We were proud to take our two qualifying boys' teams (U9s/U11s) to the district cross-country tournament last Friday. The enthusiasm and determination of our boys was incredible throughout despite the cold and windy weather! Our U9s just missed out on a bronze, and our U11s were overall champions with Max Bellord even outrunning the sixth form hares!

Our U11s will now compete in the county finals on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Well done to all!

## Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS)

Congratulations to the following students for their hard work on TTRS over the last 7 days.

Most minutes:

Gold	150pts	Alina, Year 3	OTTERS
Silver	100pt	Emme, Year 4	STAGS
Bronze	50pts	Isla, Year 3	STAGS
		and Rex, Year 1	STAGS



Highest minutes by class: Year 4

Highest scores by class: Year 4

## Drum Tuition

Further to our recent communications regarding drum tuition, we now have a new tutor in place after half term. Please see today's ParentMail for details and please fill in the booking form as soon as possible!

## Value of the Month - Resilience

Resilience:

is recovering quickly from setbacks

is remaining confident and optimistic

is helping others move forward when things go wrong.

## Diary Dates

Mon 19 Feb	First day back
Tues 20 Feb	Speak Out Stay Safe workshops Y2, 5, 6
Weds 21 Feb	Kingham Internet Safety Day
Weds 28 Feb	Y1 at CNPS Dance Festival (pm)
Weds 28 Feb	Y6 SATs parent meeting (after school)
Fri 1 Mar	Year 4 Class Assembly
Mon 4 Mar	Book Week
Tues 5 Mar	KPSA Meeting (8:30pm on Zoom)
Thurs 7 Mar	World Book Day (dressing-up)
Fri 8 Mar	Year 3 Class Assembly
Tues 12 Mar	Year 4 Viking Workshop
Tues 12 Mar	Nursery Mother's Day Forest Session 10:15am
Thurs 14 Mar	Nursery Mother's Day Forest Session 10:15am
Fri 15 Mar	Red Nose Day
Fri 15 Mar	Year 1 Class Assembly
Fri 15 Mar	KPSA Quiz Night
Tues 19 Mar	Year 5 at CNPS Singing Festival
Weds 20 Mar	U11 Boys Cross Country County Finals (am)
Weds 20 Mar	Year 1 at Warwick Castle
Weds 20 Mar	Year 2&3 at CNPS Multi-Skills Festival (pm)
Weds 20 Mar	KPSA Bingo Night
Fri 22 Mar	Reception Class Assembly
Mon 25 Mar	Rock Bands Concert (9:30am)
Tues 26 Mar	Parents' Evening
Weds 27 Mar	Parents' Evening
Weds 27 Mar	Animal Workshop in Early Years (pm)
Thurs 28 Mar	Easter Egg Hunt
Thurs 28 Mar	Last day of term (end at 2pm)
Mon 15 April	First day back
Weds 17 April	Year 3 Tennis Festival (pm)

## Wychwood Library

### PARENT & CHILD CROCHET

MAKE A CUSHION COVER WITH HOLLY MAY



Sat 24th Feb & Sat 2nd March 2.00-4.00

Suitable for Beginners

£25 for two sessions- including all materials & refreshments.

Places are limited to 6 children & accompanying parents.

Email [wychwood.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:wychwood.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk) to book.