



## Letter from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

### Family Summer Picnic

It was wonderful to welcome so many of our school families to our first open event of the school year at the family summer picnic last week. It was a real pleasure to get to meet many of you and enable our families the opportunity to spend time with each other and connecting with new people. Thank you to our governors who came along to meet parents and representatives from the PTA, a real community affair. We hope you enjoyed it!



### Curriculum Updates

If you haven't already, please do take a look at the Curriculum Maps on our website where you can find out a little more about what your child is learning about this term. They can be found [here](#).

Please do also visit our Events Gallery on the school website to keep up to date with what the children have been up to. Click [here](#).

### Dates for the Diary

We have put all dates for the term into the website calendar and have included below in the newsletter. There are several parent workshops, reading cafes and performances to save the date for. We look forward to seeing many of you at these planned events. Please do note that these could be subject to change, but we will always inform you with as much notice as possible.

### Reading Cafés

Reading Cafés begin this week, you will note from our term dates and ParentMail communications that this week Year 3 parents are in school on Tuesday and Year 4 parents on Wednesday (2.15 – 2.55pm). There will be a reading workshop for parents and children will join us towards the end of the session for you to enjoy reading time with them. We appreciate that not all of you are able to make this and that notice for these first sessions is short, we hope that you appreciate it has been a busy start to the term and we are working to offer as many opportunities for parents to become involved in the working life of the school. Please be assured that teachers have planned reading time activities with those children whose parents have other commitments. We will also share the Reading Workshop slides for you to see what was discussed in the workshop.

We thank you for all your patience at the gates today during the heavy downpours, can we remind all parents to park responsibly outside of school without blocking the pedestrian crossing or the yellow safety zig zags that help to keep those on foot safe.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Anne Hipwell  
Headteacher



## Safeguarding Children Updates

### What to do if you have concerns about a child

If you have any concerns about a child relating to Safeguarding, please get in touch with one of our Safeguarding Leads immediately by contacting the school directly on 01993 812209 or by email [safeguarding@woodstock.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@woodstock.oxon.sch.uk)

If you are unable to speak to a member of our Designated Safeguarding Team at school and have a safeguarding concern, please contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) directly who will be able to advise you.

**If you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on 0345 050 7666.**

### NSPCC Updates for Parents and Families

The NSPCC have updated some of their guidance on supporting children with mental health issues. Please follow the links to some very useful pages on their website.

**Child Mental Health:** click [here](#)

**The Safeguarding Network:** click [here](#)





## Curriculum Updates

### European Day of Languages Thursday 26 September 2024

On 26 September, European Day of Languages, we celebrate the range and diversity of languages spoken not only throughout Europe but also by celebrating the languages spoken in our school. Learning a language not only allows you to talk with people from other countries in their own language, it's also an introduction to different cultures, different ideas and opens a world of opportunities. **We are still looking for parent volunteers on this day to help teach the children some basic vocabulary from their own language. Please let the office know.**



## Collective Worship Theme

Week Beginning: 23 /9/24		Collective Worship	
Key Idea: Teaching, learning, growing			
Biblical Link:	Romans 14:17 "For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." (NIV)		
Christian Value:	Faith	<b>Invitation prayer</b> The Lord's Prayer	
Understanding Christianity Theme:			

## Our World Theme



**Will classrooms of the future be teacherless?**

**Let's look at this week's story**

The UK's first teacherless classroom, using AI (artificial intelligence) instead of human teachers, has opened. David Game College, a school in London, began its new course for twenty GCSE pupils in September. The pupils will learn using both AI platforms on their computers and VR (virtual reality) headsets.

Learn more about this week's story [here](#).  
 Watch this week's useful video [here](#).  
 This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).



**UN Rights of the Child**

Every child has the right to education. We should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level possible.





**British Values**

**Rule of Law**

The Department for Education (DfE) is the department of the UK government responsible for education. They set policies, guidance and rules about how and what we learn.

# Dates for the Term


Date	Event
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 Reading Café (14:15 - 14:55)
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4 Reading Café (14:15 - 14:55)
26 <sup>th</sup> September	European Day of Languages
26 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Parent meeting at The Marlborough
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 6 Open Morning at The Marlborough (09:00 - 10:30)
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 1 Parents Phonics Workshop (14:15 - 15:00)
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Years 3 & 4 trip to Blenheim Kitchen Gardens
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 5 Reading Café (08:45-10:00)
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 6 Open Morning at The Marlborough (09:00 - 10:30)
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Junior Citizen
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Ducklings Reading Café (08:45 - 10:00)
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Reading Café (08:45 -10:00)
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival in Church (Children only)
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Cygnets Reading Café (08:45 – 10:00)
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Flu Immunisations (whole school)
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	School Photographs
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Years 1 & 2 Dance Festival at The Marlborough School
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Goslings Reading Café (08:45 - 10:00)
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Years 5 & 6 Parents Maths Workshop (08:45 - 10:00)
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Years 3 & 4 Parents Maths Workshop (08:45 - 10:00)
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Start of Anti-Bullying Week
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Bikeability
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 & 2 Parents Maths Workshop (15:15 - 16:00)
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Bikeability
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Socks Day
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Safety Day
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Bikeability
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Bikeability
10 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Nativity (14:00 – 15:00)
11 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Nativity (09:30 – 10:30)
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 1 & 2 Nativity (17:30 – 18:30)
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 1 & 2 Nativity (10:00 – 11:00)
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Kestrels Class Trip to Ashmolean Museum (09:00 - 12:00)
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Trip to Pantomime (09:00 - 12:30)
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Red Kites Class Trip to Ashmolean Museum (09:00 - 12:00)
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Falcons Class Trip to Ashmolean Museum (09:00 - 12:00)
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 3 & 4 Carol Service in Church
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 5 & 6 Carol Service in Church

## Supporting a Child with ADHD



Challenge the stereotypes and get practical help  
**Tuesday 24th Sept** (7pm to 9pm) £24  
 Available to book now  
[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)





# SEP/OCT TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each  
 Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

FREE SESSIONS	
Supporting Kids with School Anxiety Introduction to Facing Defiance	26 SEP 24 OCT
Understanding Anger	23 SEP
Supporting a Child with ADHD	24 SEP
Understanding the Teenage Brain	7 OCT
Raising Self-Esteem	8 OCT
Decreasing Depression	15 OCT
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Drug Awareness for Parents	22 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	31 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Raising Self-Esteem	5 NOV

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## PTA News & Updates

*It's been a busy but wonderfully enjoyable return to school. It was lovely to see so many families, new and known, get together on the school field for a summer picnic. Please always feel free to seek me or a member of the committee out to say 'hi'. It was nice of the September weather to let this event go ahead! As a committee, we certainly know the pain and pleasure weather can bring to an event!*

*We are really pleased to confirm a date for the PTA Spooky Spectacular Disco on Thursday 24th October. More details to follow (and for those of you who got stuck in the queue during the last one, you'll be pleased to hear we'll be able to make a few changes to speed things up this time!).*

*Thank you to the SLT and the staff members who have sent us their wish lists for the academic year. The Committee is reviewing each of the requests in line with our committee objectives and we are really looking forward to sharing details of what we've approved and purchased on behalf of the whole school community. Have yourselves a wonderful week.*

Best wishes,

Victoria



# Keep Your Child Safe Online

## A Guide for Parents

### 1 Check Parental Controls

Check that your parental controls are up-to-date and use them to restrict access to inappropriate content and monitor online activity.

### 2 Set Clear Expectations & Boundaries

Establish rules for online activities. Define time limits, appropriate content, and allowed websites or apps.

### 3 Supervise Online Activities

Keep an eye on your child's online behaviour. This can involve periodic checks, co-viewing, or sitting with or near them during their screen time.

### 4 Be a Good Role Model

Set a positive example with your own online behaviour. Demonstrate responsible use of technology, respecting others' privacy and maintaining a healthy digital life.

### 5 Encourage Open Communication

Create an environment where your child feels comfortable discussing their online experiences. Especially if they have any worries or concerns.

### 6 Ensure a Healthy Balance

Ensure that your child has a balanced routine with enough time away from a screen for physical activity, hobbies and family interactions.

### 7 Educate About Online Dangers

Talk to your child about the risks of being online, such as cyberbullying, predators and inappropriate content. Explain how to recognise and report these dangers.

### 8 Know the Platforms

Familiarise yourself with the apps, games and websites your child uses. Understand their features, privacy settings and potential risks.



The National Sleep Charity

The National Sleep Charity is a fantastic source of support and guidance for parents. Please visit their website for further information: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/>

