

What's on?

Today your child will bring home an envelope containing a **data checking sheet**, with information as held on the school records. Please check the details, make any necessary amendments, and return the form to school **by Monday 31st October 2022**, to ensure that we have up to date information, should we need to get in touch with you in an emergency. Please sign, date and return these forms, *even if the details do not need to be updated*. Also enclosed are emergency contact slips for removing existing contacts, or for adding new emergency contacts to your child's record.

School lunches

School meals for the week after the half-term break need to be ordered by 6pm tomorrow (Thursday). To avoid your child being disappointed (and hungry!), please do check that your child likes the menu choices that you are selecting. You can order meals using [the link](#).

School photos

Just a reminder that all children (other than those in Year 3), will be having their individual school photographs taken during the day tomorrow.

Photos of children in Year 3 and family groups will be taken on Friday morning.

Shoebboxes

Last week your child will have brought home information about the teams4u Christmas shoebox campaign. Filled shoeboxes, or contributions towards a shoebox, need to be returned to school by Friday 11th November.

We still have some pre-wrapped shoeboxes by our main front entrance if you would like to pick one up to fill it over the half-term break.

Staff news

We are saddened to have to share with you that Friday will be the last day for two of our long-standing members of staff. Mrs Caroline Arnold, who is a Lunchtime Supervisor and Mr Richard Morris who is a Teaching Assistant, have both decided that the time is right for them to move to pastures new.

We are sorry to see them both go, they will be sadly missed. We know you will join us in sending them on their way with best wishes for the future.

Staying safe

At the start and end of the school day, it is wonderful to see so many children walking, scooting and cycling to school. The exercise is good for your children and good for our planet!

For those of you who need to use a car, please park in the large farm museum car park at the front of the school. Please **do not** park on the surrounding roads, the staff car park, the zig-zags on the road or the disabled car park. Parking in any of these places reduces safety for all members of our community.

Attached to this newsletter is a short booklet 'Footsteps', which is full of ideas to help you discuss road safety with your child. Please do take time to share this important information with your children to ensure that they know how to be safe around traffic.

The Friends events

The meeting that was planned for this evening has unfortunately had to be re-scheduled, please look out for a future date.

If you would like to attend the Wreath Making event on 18th November, please email friends@blake.oxon.sch.uk

We will be holding a school disco on Friday 25th November so please put the date in your diary. Further details will be coming soon!



Enjoy the circus

Ginnett circus is coming to The Leys from Wednesday 26th to Monday 31st October.

You can find out more and book tickets at www.circusginnett.com, or you can call their booking line on 07562450045.

We have a few flyers offering one ticket free with every two full price tickets. If you would like one of the vouchers, please do drop into the front office to pick one up.

Last chances!

If you have not yet voted for your choice of Parent Governor, you must return your voting slip by the end of the school day on Thursday of this week. We will announce the winner of the election after half-term.

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. The deadline for applications for the post is today! If you would like to come and join our team, please look at the vacancies page of our school website and submit your application by the end of today.

Buttercross Theatre Productions
Presents

Aladdin

written by
JOE GRAHAM

**The Corn Exchange
Witney**

Tickets available from:
www.buttercrosstheatreproductions.co.uk

Tickets
Adult £12
Child (under 14) £7
(plus booking fee)

Curtain Up
Evening performance - 19:30
Matinee performance* - 13:30
*Sat 17th & Sun 18th - 13:45
Doors open 30 mins before curtain up

December	Thu 15 th	Fri 16 th	Sat 17 th	Sun 18 th	Thu 22 nd	Fri 23 rd	Sat 24 th	Thu 29 th	Fri 30 th	Sat 31 st
Matinee	●	●	●	●			●			●
Evening		●	●	●	●	●		●	●	

Reminders

We know that getting children ready for school and out of the house each morning in time for school can be a massive achievement.

However, we would like to remind you that all children should have a water bottle with them (filled with just water). It is really important that children remain hydrated and this is much easier when children have their own water bottle.

Please also remember to send your child in with a named coat. Unless the rain is very heavy, children will be taken outside at play and lunchtimes.

Covid-19 jobs

You can get your child aged five to 11 vaccinated against COVID-19 during the half term school holiday.

You can book an appointment via the [National Booking Service](https://www.nhs.uk) or by calling 119 for dedicated children's clinics, including at the Kassam Stadium.

If your child missed their flu vaccine in school, please contact the school Health Nurse to book a time for your child to receive this – witney.schoolnurses@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk or 01865 901295.

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