

Loving, learning and flourishing in community

Message from Mr Edwards-Grundy

Despite the often grey weather, this week has been a week of unusual pleasures for me as headteacher.

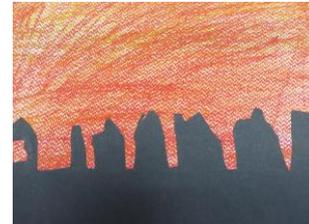
I have spent time this week recording material for a virtual tour of the school. Although the tour is aimed primarily at prospective parents, whose children will join us in September 2021, I do commend it to you as a window into day to day life in school. I would like to thank all those who contributed to the video, for their kind words and the time they gave to supporting us in this way. If you have friends, family or colleagues who have children who will be school age in September, please do point them at our website, where they will find the link, or share the [You Tube link](#) with them. Please also feel free to share the link via social media platforms. I am incredibly proud to lead this very special school, full of dedicated and inspirational staff and delightful children.

On Thursday, we welcomed a team of nurses into school to deliver the flu vaccination. As the team left, they were full of praise for your children, how polite and courteous they were and how sensible they had been. They are a credit to you.

Almost all of you have now had your parents' evenings, if you have not yet spoken to your child's class teacher this year, please do contact the office to arrange this. I have so enjoyed listening to staff reflect on how valuable it has been to have time to chat with you as parents, as well as hearing from them how positive you are about all the work that is going on in school, both to support learning, but also your children's physical, mental and emotional health. Despite the national challenges, school continues to be a safe and happy place where children can continue to learn and flourish as part of a community.

News from around the school

This week the Year 2 children have been continuing their learning about 'The Fire of London'. In their artwork the children have been learning about silhouettes and how to blend colours, as well as practising some tricky scissor skills. We think the results are very effective.



On Thursday, the children went out onto the playground to 'experience' the fire for themselves. Their Tudor houses were lined up along a cobbled street before the fire starting in the bakery. The children watched the fire spread along their houses, increasing in pace and ferocity. It was not long until all the houses were burned to the ground and all that was left was hot and smouldering ash.



Whose feet were they?

Thank-you to everyone who wore odd socks and donated money to Children in Need last Friday. The day was a very colourful reminder of the importance of walking in another's shoes. Do check with last week's newsletter to see if you guessed whose feet were whose correctly.

Miss Main Mrs Rowlands Mrs Usher-Wilson Mrs Senter
Mrs Robertson Mrs Powell Mrs Sollis Miss Hallowell and Mrs Doland
Mrs Clapton Mrs Jordan Mrs Patchett Mrs Lee Mrs Steele
Mrs Rump Mrs Noel Mrs O'Connor Mr Noble
Mrs J Hitchman Miss Fletcher Miss Hinkins Mrs Urquhart
Mrs F Hayes

Is your child 3 or 4 years old?

Primary school place – you must apply now

If your child was born on or between **1 September 2016** and **31 August 2017**, you need to apply for a primary school place now.

You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school.

Deadline for applications is **15 January 2021**.

Apply online at

[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/
primaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

– it's quick, easy and secure.

You can get free access to the internet at many of our libraries and children's centres – ask for details at your local facility.

For help and information:

Web: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Email: admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Tel: **0345 241 2487**



Healthy snacks

Please can we remind you that children should only bring in fruit, vegetables, or a healthy snack e.g. crackers or cheese to eat mid-morning or mid-afternoon?

Children are not allowed to eat chocolate or other sweet treats at snack times. A piece of fruit is provided daily for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Raffle tickets

This week your child came home with raffle tickets for The Friends' Christmas raffle.

If you can, please do purchase the tickets that have been sent home, or sell them to family, friends and colleagues.

Please return the ticket stubs, cash and any unsold tickets to the school, via your child's class teacher no later than Wednesday 2nd December; the draw will take place on Monday 7th December.

We are really appreciative of all the support that The Friends continue to provide to the school, especially when so many of their usual fundraising activities cannot take place.



Sing, sing, sing!

The Oxford and Cambridge singing school is for children aged 7 – 18 who love to sing.

The school provides an opportunity for children to experience great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop confidence in singing and performing.

To find out more about their Christmas event that will take place on 21st and 22nd December 2020, go to their website www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk

Thoughts from the Priory

When did you last have an adventure?

For most of us it's been quite a while and we're all looking forward to some new adventures! Did you know that we're nearly into the season of Advent? Lots of people have Advent Calendars that mark the days of December from 1st to the 24th as we look forward to Christmas. In the church's calendar Advent starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, this year that is 29th November.

The word adventure comes from a Latin word meaning 'a thing about to happen.' Its root means to reach or arrive and Advent comes from the same word. So, this season before Christmas is about waiting for something or someone to arrive. Christians look forward with excitement to the day when we remember Jesus arriving in this world.

What if this year it's also an adventure?

We hope that many houses across the parish will take part in a virtual Advent Calendar where windows are decorated with a theme of joy or hope. You can find more details about how to join in on our [website](#).

I hope this Advent will be an adventure for you and your family, where you discover more about the joy, peace, love and hope that is at the heart of the season.

Simon Kirby

Christmas holiday Active Camps

Oxford Active, who provide our wrap around care, also run camps over the school holidays.

[Click here](#) to find out more information about the clubs and how to book.

