

# What's on?

## Illness

Please do read the letter attached regarding the national increase in Scarlet Fever cases.

We have a significant number of children off school at the moment with seasonal coughs and colds. As long as they feel well enough children with these familiar illnesses can attend school.

If however your child has a fever (temperature), please keep them at home until their temperature is back to normal.

If your child has any sickness or diarrhoea they must stay at home until there have been 48 hours with no episode. The 48 hour rule applies even when children have only been sick once, or had one episode of diarrhoea and even if they subsequently appear well.

If your child is not well enough to attend school, please make sure that you contact the office each morning, either by telephone or email to report their absence. Thank-you.

## Bumped heads

Every day the admin team make a significant number of calls to parents about children who have bumped their heads. These calls are advisory and act as a 'belt and braces' approach to the orange forms and wristbands that your child receives when they bump their head.

Whenever the admin team ring you, for any purpose, they will leave you a message.

Please help us by listening to any message *before* calling the school back. In almost all cases the message will state that the call is advisory and no action is needed.

## Change to school lunches

The current form for school meals covers meals next week and the last two days of the school term. If you wish your child to have meals on any of these days, [please complete the form](#).

On Friday of next week we will be opening bookings for meals after the Christmas break. All meals will need to be booked via ParentPay – even if you do not pay for your child's meals.

On ParentPay you will be able to book meals right through to the end of next term. If you pay for your child's meals, you will need to pay for any meals that you book within two hours of booking them. If you do not pay for the meals you have booked within two hours, the booking will be cancelled.

To help you with the new ordering system, we recommend that you clear all existing debts on ParentPay. Whilst clearing any school lunch payments, we would also ask that you clear any other outstanding payments (Bikeability, swimming, pantomime, trips). If you are experiencing difficulties in making any of the outstanding payments, please contact the school office.

## 20's plenty

As you will be aware, across most of Witney the speed limit has reduced to 20mph; this includes Cogges Hill Road in front of the school.

The statistics show that accidents at 20mph result in less serious injuries than those at higher speeds.

Please help us keep our whole community safe by adhering to the 20mph speed limit.

If you can walk or cycle to school, please do. If you need to use the car, please use the large car park at drop off and pick up, not the surrounding roads or the staff car park. Thank-you.

# LIVING WELLwith NEURODIVERSITY

**NHS**  
Oxford Health  
NHS Foundation Trust

**A new support service**  
from Oxfordshire CAMHS in collaboration with **AutismOxford**  
UK Limited

Is **YOUR** family open to/  
involved with CAMHS  
NDC services?  
Are **YOU** a parent/carer  
of a young person  
awaiting an assessment?



## FREE ONLINE COURSES FOR YOU!

- The virtual sessions will be held in the evenings as an informal space for parents/carers to safely share their experiences/tips.
- It will be facilitated by professionals who will cover the basics of ADHD/Autism and much more!

Scan the QR code to access  
the events and resources!



If you have any questions, please email us on  
[youngpeoplesupport@autismoxford.org.uk](mailto:youngpeoplesupport@autismoxford.org.uk)

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## Public consultation - The Leys

There is a public consultation just starting on proposed café and sports facility improvements at The Leys Recreation Ground. The proposal is led by Courtside, a local community interest company who operate The Coffee Shed and tennis courts there, with the support of Witney Town Council and others. It is now time to hear the views of local residents, via an online survey at: [surveymonkey.co.uk/r/theleys](https://surveymonkey.co.uk/r/theleys).

The proposal is for a multi-activity hub, intended to bring people together and help them be active – it is subject to funding, planning permission and Council approval. The hub would include a bigger community café/kitchen and new public access toilets, a redesigned skate park, multi-use games area, floodlights for tennis and netball and more. To ensure accessibility some facilities will be free and some will be charged on a pay and play basis.

If you think this is a good idea or want to give constructive feedback, you can [complete the online survey](#) in a few minutes.



## Clubs for the New Year

If your child would like to attend any of the clubs that we run after school, it is time to look out for new sign-up information. Letters for some of the clubs, including Martial Arts, Zumba and Jazz Dance are attached to the email along with this document. These clubs are all run by external providers, please follow the sign up and payment details included in the letters.



## Holiday Workshops



### NW Inventors: Creative Christmas Workshops

Mon 19 - Weds 21 Dec  
9am - 12pm

Expect to get crafty with the tinsel, make snow globes, as well as act out some much-loved Christmas stories.

For ages 8-11

Tickets: £45 for 3 days

Bursary places available - email Abie on [waltona@thenorthwall.com](mailto:waltona@thenorthwall.com) to apply



### YouthLab: Winter Workshops

Mon 19 - Weds 21 Dec  
2pm - 5pm

Join us for three days of fast paced, fun and creative workshops; we will improvise, devise, write, direct, build characters, explore movement and PLAY.

For ages 12-17

Tickets: £45 for 3 days

Bursary places available - email Abie on [waltona@thenorthwall.com](mailto:waltona@thenorthwall.com) to apply



December

Book online

[www.thenorthwall.com](http://www.thenorthwall.com)

## Christmas jumpers!

Tomorrow is Christmas jumper day. Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumper into school. If they do not have a Christmas jumper they can wear a sparkly/festive top, or simply a tinsel garland.

Other than a Christmas jumper/festive top, children should wear their normal school uniform.

Please make sure any jumpers are named so that they can be reunited with your child as necessary.

If your child wishes to make a donation to 'Save the Children' for wearing their Christmas jumper, we will ensure that these are collected and sent to the charity to support their important work.

## Christmas Theatre Club

## Theatre Club for young carers aged 10 - 18 Free



It is important for young carers to have the opportunity to relax, take a break from their caring role, meet other young carers and have fun. Join us this December to see Creation Theatre's *The Tale of Beauty and the Tail of the Beast*, we will have dinner together first and if transport is a problem, we can help.

For more information email [waltona@thenorthwall.com](mailto:waltona@thenorthwall.com)



The Tale of Beauty and The  
Tail of The Beast

Thursday 22 Dec  
5.15pm

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