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Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end 2020, on behalf of all members of staff, I would like to thank you for your good wishes, and support over the last few months. As a school community we continue to be very proud of our children, their successes, and the way they have responded and reacted to the current situation. I am sure that as parents you must feel the same way. Our school continues to be a wonderful place to learn, play and work.

School Attendance

Over the last few weeks we have had some days with remarkably high attendance; not infrequently over 98%. Overall, our attendance figures have continued to be good, with 95% of children at school each day at the beginning of the week.

The Next Few Days

If your child has a positive coronavirus test before Wednesday 23rd December please let us know by contacting us via head.3064@bloxham-pri.oxon.sch.uk so we can alert other parents and members of staff.

Santa Run

Thank you to everyone to took part in the Santa Run in aid of Katharine House Hospice last week. We raised over £750.

Dates for the Diary

Early in the new term we will send you the proposed dates for key events in the summer term. The situation may mean that the school events have be to be altered, but nevertheless we thought it would be helpful to share the provisional dates.

Term Dates

January 2021	4 th	Inset day
	5 th	Start of term for children
February 2021	12 th	School term ends at 3.15pm for children
	15 th -19 th inclusive	School holiday
	22 nd February	School re-commences
March 2021	31 st	School ends at 3.15pm
April 2021	1 st -16 th inclusive	School holiday
	19 th	School re-commences
May 2021	28 th	School ends at 3.15pm
	31 st May-4 th June inclusive	School holiday
June 2021	7 th	School re-commences
July 2021	16 th	School year ends at 3.15pm
September 2021	1 st	Inset day
	2 nd	Start of term for children

Foundation Stage – 2021

Parents of children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 can now apply on-line for their child(ren) to start primary school in September 2021 – please visit: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions
The deadline for applications is 15th January.

Safeguarding

I know Christmas can be a time of great joy but equally I appreciate it can be a difficult time. If you have any concerns about any child's safeguarding during this time, please contact the out of hours number for the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (otherwise known as the M.A.S.H.) – 0345 050 7666.

Certificates and Badges

Book of Choice	Merryl, Beatrice, Year 5
Bronze Badge	Caleb, April – Year 2 Isabella – Year 4
Silver Badge	Freddie, Ellis, Oliver–Year 4
Year 2	Louie, Savannah, Jamie, Sedona, Maisey, Seren, Alfie, Freddie, Spencer, Sammy, Freddie, Adam, Aria, Lily-Rose, Grace, Kaiden, Calum
Year 3	Thomas,
Year 5	Joshua, Oliver

Cross Country

Well done to the following children who took part in the virtual Warriner Partnership Cross Country Event recently: Ben, Joshua, Alfie, Tommy, Dylan, Samuel, Dora, Eliza, Anna, Poppy, Eryn, Madison, Jake, Tyler-James, Thomas, Charlie, Reece, Joel, Ivy, Grace, Sofia, Lily-Mai, Verity, Merryl, Jordan, Harrison, Joe, Harvey, Charlie, Orson, Bea, Poppy, Fearn, Lily, Annabelle, Georgia, Caleb, Benji, Dylan, Louie, Conor, Adam, Neveah, Martha, Neve, Flossy, George, Seb, Hamish, Edward, Henry, Filip, Matte, Poppy, Freddie, Indi, Amie, Becca, Lily-Mae

Year 2 girls finished in 5th place

Year 2 boys finished in 3rd place

Year 3/4 girls finished in 4th place

Year 3/4 boys finished in 3rd place

Year 5/6 girls finished in 3rd place with Bea finishing 3rd overall

Year 5/6 boys finished in 2nd place

I would like to wish you and your family a very enjoyable Christmas and healthy peaceful New Year.

Kind regards
Matthew Ingall
Headteacher