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Dear Parents/Carers

### Staff News

It is perhaps one of the least well kept secrets, but would just to like to confirm that Mrs Heron is leaving today after many years of service at our school. I would like to thank her for all her work at our school and wish her every continued success as she expands her other ventures.

### Term One

Irrespective of how long any of us have worked in education, managing the return from a 6 month partial closure has been a new experience, and I won't pretend that it hasn't been without its challenges. I would like to thank you for your continued support, good wishes and kind words as we sail through these uncharted waters. It has been genuinely wonderful to see and hear the children all back in school, learning, playing and simply being with each other. As we have mentioned before one of the unexpected consequences of the year so far has been the remarkably high levels of attendance.

### Looking ahead

If your child tests positive for coronavirus over the holiday, please let us know ASAP by email: [office.3064@bloxham-pri.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3064@bloxham-pri.oxon.sch.uk). This will enable us to contact Public Health England and take the appropriate action from the first day of next term. The school email address will be monitored daily.

### Virtual Pupil Progress Meetings

I would like to thank teachers for embracing the use of virtual meetings with such enthusiasm. I know that there were some initial issues to overcome, but the feedback we have received was that these meetings were really useful and in many cases parents have indicated that this format is more convenient for them. I know that teachers have contacted parents when the connection failed to work or was lost during the meeting; if by chance this hasn't happened for you please let the office know so we can rectify it in the first week of term 2. The overall level of parents meeting their child's class teacher was either in line or just above the level that is the case when the meetings take place in person. It is likely that the next round of meetings in March will also take place virtually, so we will work on resolving any outstanding technological issues before these take place.

### Secondary School Applications

The online application system is now live for secondary school applications for your Year 6 child. Visit [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions). The deadline for receipt of secondary school applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

### Certificates and Badges

Achievement Certificates:

Year 2	Isabella, Harriet, Isla, Harry, Troy, Etta-Mai, Nevaeh, Caleb
Year 4	Hamish
Year 5	Kiara, Caleb, Mollye-Mae, Hattie, Samuel
Silver Badge	Indi Year 4
Gold Badge	Harry, Maddie, Roman Year 5
Book of Choice	Reece Year 5
Purple Gymnastics Award	Seren Year 2

Congratulations to all those children in Year 5 who passed their bikeability training this week.

**Street Tag**

Earlier this week we sent out an email about 'Street Tag'. This is a family friendly game set up by Cherwell Council. All you need to do to sign up is download the app and scan the QR code sent out in the letter. Please see this link for further information: <https://youtu.be/u7B2jm22d3g>

**Harvest Gifts**

We hope you have all enjoyed watching the class harvest videos and thank you for the harvest gifts which will be donated to this year's charity; Banbury Young Homelessness Project, a very worthy cause.

**FOBPS**

Today the children will bring home with them an instruction sheet and an order form from a company called Xmas 4 Schools. The children can design a card. Their design can then be sent back to the school office (by 6<sup>th</sup> November). We will then send these back to Xmas 4 Schools. You will be able to order cards, calendars, mugs and gift labels with their design on. The information that is being sent home will explain this in more detail.

I know the holidays can be a time of great joy but equally I appreciate it can be a difficult time. If you have any concerns around any child's safety and wellbeing during the break, please contact the out of hours number for the multi-agency safeguarding hub otherwise known as the M.A.S.H. 0345 050 7666. Also please refer to our safeguarding information on the website. <https://bloxhamprimary.co.uk/safeguarding>

I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and healthy holiday.

Kind regards  
M Ingall  
Headteacher