

25th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Autumn term really feels like it is fully up and running now and everyone has settled in and is working incredibly hard.

School Places/New Children

Lots of new children have joined our school over the past three weeks, we welcome them all with open arms. Please spread the message around that there are spaces in some year groups still and we would love to fill them before half term.



After School Clubs

Thank you to all who have booked onto After School Clubs via the School Gateway App. Our clubs are flourishing, as you can see!

Our multi-sports club is changing to a **football club**, as we want to make the most of Michael William's specialist skill and run promotions with opportunities to win tickets and free club tours at Oxford United.



» Staffing updates

We welcome Mrs Maria Carolina De Figueiredo Ciechanovicz to our EYFS and KS1 team who joined us this week and is a wonderful new addition.

Worship

YEAR 2 AND 6 MASS

On Wednesday, at 09:30, years 2 and 6 will be celebrating Mass as this week sees both Saint's Days for their patron saints, St Michael the Archangel and St Vincent De Paul. Please join us at Blessed Dominic Barberi church.



MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

On Friday 29th September we will be hosting a Coffee Afternoon raising money for MacMillian Cancer.

Please can we ask for cake donations in the morning, which will then be sliced up and served for a small cost for charity from 2:30 in the hall.

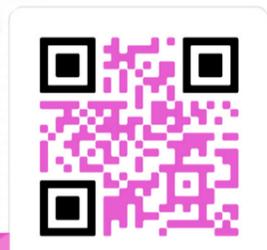
If there are any cakes left, we will run a bake sale after school.



MISS MASTERS NEEDS YOUR HELP:

I will be taking part in 100 skips a day in October! This will be raising money for Cancer Research UK; this is something that is close to mine and my family's hearts.

You are welcome to sponsor me in the QR code, or just support me along the way. Any donation big or small would be VERY appreciated, but please be aware I will not be accepting cash!



SCAN ME

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED
THANK YOU, MISS MASTERS



»EYFS and KS1 Phonics and Early Reading Workshop

Our Phonics and Reading workshop will take place on **Thursday at 09:00am**, there will be coffee and pastries available. Miss McCarthy will talk KS1 and EYFS parents through how phonics is taught at school and how you can help your child at home. I highly recommend all new parents attend.



Follow us on twitter for daily updates <https://twitter.com/SJFOxford>

»YEAR 6 NEWS

Year 6 have been extremely busy so far, with Playmakers, our project with the Oxford Playhouse beginning, as well as a trip down to Our Lady's in Cowley to practice their songs for the PFMAC 'Back to the 80s Concert' which take place in October



Information has been sent to parents regarding their upcoming residential, please pay your deposit as soon as possible to secure a place.

Uniform

The weather is extremely changeable at the moment, please ensure that children have coats, especially in EYFS who wish to make the most of their outdoor area.

Electronic Devices

Please can we make sure that any watches our children are wearing are not Smart watches, we cannot have children with access to calls, messages, or able to get online whilst at school. This has happened again this week and is worrying.

Sports News

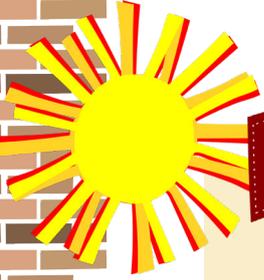
Radley College

On Wednesday teachers and sports leaders from Radley College began our new partnership with our Year 3 class. They led them in their PE session this week, and will continue to support us throughout the year



Y5/6 Girls Football

Sports competitions have started for St John Fisher, with our Year 5/6 girls team finishing 3rd place in the Oxford City 7-a-side competition, a fantastic achievement. The boys competition will have taken place by the time you read this, so check our Twitter for updates.



Catholic Virtues

Our virtues this term are: Grateful & Generous

PUPIL PREMIUM

More information can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium/pupil-premium>

- If your financial circumstances have changed, pick up a form from Mrs Gibbons in the school office.
- If you are eligible for pupil premium, we can also help with clubs and trip costs. Please come and speak to me.

» Diary Dates

25.09.2023 Year 5/6 Boys Football at TOA
26.06.2023 Year 4 Earth Trust Trip
Year 5/6 Boys Football v John Henry Newman – 3:15
27.09.2023 Y2 and Y6 Mass at Bd Dominic Barberi 09:30
28.09.2023 KS1 and EYFS -Reading & Phonics Parents Workshop/Coffee Morning – 09:00
29.09.2023 Macmillan Coffee Afternoon – 14:30
02.10.2023 School Closed – INSET
06.10.2023 Harvest Mass in School – 1.30
13.10.2023 Year 4 – 6 Sleepover
19.10.2023 Yr 6 - PFMAC Music Festival at Town Hall 2pm
22.10.2023 Half Term

End of Day

Thank you so much for staying behind the cones at the KS1 gate, we are trying to speed up the process, and I feel it has worked much better this week.

Please can I ask that we do not sit on cars in the car park, and that children are not running around with sticks when under parental supervision.



» Parish News

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for September 2023

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Sacred Heart Church
Blessed Dominic Barberi Church
Our Lady Help of Christians

<https://sacredheartoxford.com/>
<https://www.bldominicbarberioxford.org.uk/>
<https://olhoccowley.co.uk/>

God Bless,
Mr P Higgins (Principal)
and the SJF Team

