

Dear Parents and Carers

I can't believe we are at the end of term already, it only seems like yesterday that we were welcoming your children back after the Christmas Break.

We have so much to look forward to in the summer term and I hope the weather will be kind to us. We are looking to hold our sports day in June as well as having a tennis event to coincide with Wimbledon this year. Joe is in negotiations with White Horse Tennis Centre to see if it is possible to hold the event there.

The first day back is Tuesday 23rd April, which is St George's Day, please remember you can send your children into school in Red and White and that parents, carers and friends are invited in for 13.30 to join in with our celebrations. It would be lovely if you could wear red and white too.

Karen Sharman, one of our parents, is involved in 'Fit to Care' community group. Their aims are to help improve the mental and physical health of carers through exercise. Bootcamp has been organised to be held at Kingfisher School on Saturday mornings, please see more details at end of newsletter

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 23rd April: St George's Day Celebrations-Kingfisher School 13.30

Monday 29th April: PFSA Meeting – Venue and time to be decided

I hope you have a lovely couple of weeks spending time with you family and friends and look forward to greeting your children at the beginning of next term.

Happy Easter everyone.

Lorraine



Our Kingfisher View

Kingfisher-a place where everyone is valued to develop independence through an enriching curriculum which is worthwhile



News from Spring Cluster

Green Class

What a fantastic term Green Class have had. Our students have made us so proud with their hard work and their amazing progress during this term. It has been so lovely seeing the children feel more confident during swimming and braver to swim in the deep end. Their progress with walking and balance skills has also been great and we would definitely like to say a big 'Well done' to all of our students for always trying their best and persevering so well.

The last week of the term has been super busy and exciting for Green Class. On Monday morning, the children were very excited to get in the Green Bus and go to Millets Farm for our 'Spring trip' of the year. Green Class were very lucky as the sunshine was there for us and the weather was beautiful on the day. We all had such a great time seeing all the animals and exploring where they live. The children had lots of fun in the playground, where they enjoyed going down the slide and having a go on the swings as well. Having our lunches in the sunshine was one of our favourite parts of the trip. Green Class would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped with our trip.

Our Art activities this week focussed on Easter and the children enjoyed making some lovely crafts and treats for them and their families. Green Class students also enjoyed exploring lots of cookery ingredients such as rice crispies, cornflakes, syrup and some delicious chocolate eggs. They were especially interested in the treacle dripping down slowly from the spoon and they loved using their hands to explore all the different textures.

On Thursday afternoon, our lovely friends from Red Class came to sing some exciting songs to our students. The highlight of their wonderful singing was definitely the 'special Easter song', which Green Class loved listening to. During the Dance Club this week, we all had such a great fun and the children really enjoyed listening to classical music and moving gently around the room.





News from Spring Cluster



We hope you all have a wonderful Easter and we are looking forward to seeing you next term.
Anna, Annie, Clare, Jackie, Maria C, Maria J, Pauline and Sue



News from Spring Cluster

Yellow Class

We have had such a busy and eventful week. We ended our sensory story with all of the children showing excellent anticipation and listening to Diesel clearly saying, "We're going on a bear hunt, we're going to catch a big one, what a beautiful day, we're not scared." What an amazing achievement at the end of term. Well done Yellow class.

In our swimming lessons, the children have been continuing to work so hard with their physio programmes. Mia and Matthew did super standing work whilst Habibou did lovely stretching in the pool.



As always, the children loved having Music Steve in class on Thursday morning and Mia decided to have a go at playing the guitar. We were very busy finishing off our amazing Easter crafts that we are sure you will all love. The children had a fantastic time doing sensory cooking with all the ingredients used to make Easter cakes. They were happy to touch the ingredients particularly the cornflakes and rice crispies as well as listen to the crunching sound that they made. They liked smelling the sticky treacle and tasting the melted chocolate. We hope you enjoy looking at the photos from sensory cooking.





News from Spring Cluster



Have a wonderful Easter break. We look forward to seeing all the children again on Tuesday 23rd April when we will have a fun afternoon celebrating St George's Day.

Siobhan, Maria, Yvonne, Sally, Kerryann, Amanda and Hannah



News from Summer Cluster

Pink Class

As the Easter Holiday approaches we have finished off this week by thinking ahead with our planning and practicing making scones which we will do for the whole school Saint George's Day celebrations when we return to school on the Tuesday after Easter. We had lots of fun during our cooking session feeling and smelling the ingredients which we will use to make them.

We have finished our 'Italian Adventure' sensory story and created a painting like they have in the art galleries in Florence and pretended we were at a football match in Milan. We enjoyed trying on the sunglasses as part of protecting ourselves against the hot weather.

In Art we have been making Easter cards this week and practicing our pressing down and gluing skills.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter and look forward to seeing you all next term.



Juliette, Tor, María, Dawn, Tracy, Norah, Daniel, Lorna, Janet, Clare.



News from Summer Cluster

Blue Class

We hope that you enjoyed the cakes and cards that the students produced last week for Mothers day.

The weather has not been great this week but students have managed the difference in the weather well as sometimes this can become a little challenging.

On Thursday we ventured off to the Hollywood Bowl in Oxford with purple class as a small celebration of the end of the term and the students managed themselves fantastically with all taking part and some scores over 100 in the 10 frame games.

Some of the places our students visit during the week will be open over the Easter Holidays so I thought it would be a good opportunity to tell you where they are and how to find them, all apart from OXSRAD (They are running holiday clubs from 8am to 3pm for £10) are free to use.

- **OXSRAD** (A sport and leisure centre with specialist staff and equipment that allow them to cater for all abilities)
- **Address:** Court Place Farm, Marsh Lane, Oxford OX3 0NQ
- **Phone:** 01865 741336

- **Stonehill Community Garden** (Stonehill Community Garden welcomes people from all walks of life currently working on half an acre, producing fruit, vegetables, eggs from our hens and honey from our bees.)
- **Address:** Stonehill House, Stonehill Lane, Abingdon OX14 4AA

- **Wittenham Clumps – Earth Trust** (The much-loved Wittenham Clumps are one of South Oxfordshire's most iconic landmarks. Standing proudly beside the Thames they offer stunning views over the surrounding countryside; they are the most highly visited free to access greenspace in the region)
- **Address:** Little Wittenham Road, Little Wittenham OX14 4QZ





News from Summer Cluster





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Purple Class

Our last week of term has been as busy as ever! Monday, we prepared and planned for the week ahead as well as for our return from the Easter holidays by finding out a little about St George. *Did you know he was born in Turkey and became a Roman soldier? He is also the patron saint of other countries including Portugal.* We have also listened to the story of St George and the Dragon. *Some of us are not sure we really believe this story.....* We have made a selection of large English flags to display at the celebrations.

For Enterprise this week, along with our Fitzwaryn friends we have focussed on Easter and have made and decorated a selection of Easter cakes – some to sell and some to take home.

Wednesday was particularly nice this week as we enjoyed some leisure time at Tilsley park in the sunshine (luckily before the rather sudden hail stones!) followed by a fabulous lunch at the Boundary House - delicious. Students chose what they would like to order for lunch beforehand (with some support from photos) and so we arrived, were seated and didn't wait long for our lunch at all!! Lots of empty plates!!!

On Thursday Purple and Blue enjoyed an end of term trip to Hollywood Bowl where the students were put in teams to try out their bowling skills. Although a little anxious for some at first, all students overcame their nerves and had a go – great work guys!!! William surprised us all with getting a STRIKE on his first go!!

We have continued our working on life skills and this week Matthew chose Friday's lunch – fish, chips and peas which the students helped to prepare and cook. I think we are all ready for a good rest!

Wishing everyone a very happy Easter!!

From Purple Class





News from Summer Cluster





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Happy Easter



News from Autumn Cluster

Orange Class

Another week has flown by in Orange Class. This week we have continued to think about sports but also started to think about Easter. Thank you to all of you that attended our assembly. We were so proud of how well all the children did and proud of all their achievements over the last 2 terms.

In literacy this week we have been focussing on mark making linked to different sports as well as writing Easter cards. Some of us have been making different marks, some forming letters and others focussing on spaces between words. In communication we have focussed on different action words as well as turn taking and prepositions. We loved following instructions while playing with the parachute.

In maths we have thought about half and quarters. We have enjoyed cutting playdoh shapes in half as well as different foods.

In topic we have been looking at different pictures of Easter celebrations and talking about how people celebrate Easter. In art we also enjoyed making Mother's day and Easter cards that the children made independently using their cutting skills.

We have also really enjoyed our weekly swimming sessions and have continued to develop our skills. A special congratulations to Oliver who swam across the pool by himself and Henry who swam a whole length!





News from Autumn Cluster



Next term we will be exploring our local area as well as thinking about writing diaries and recounting events. Over the holidays you may want to:

Visit different places in your local area talking about what different buildings are for i.e. shops, banks, post office etc.

Look at photos of things you have done in the holidays and encourage children to talk about this using questions to get them to add detail.

Continue to work on listening skills through simple instruction games i.e. Simon says or giving children instructions to do tasks around the house.

Hope you all have a fantastic holiday!

Charlotte, Tina, Ali, Nina, Maria and Kim



News from Autumn Cluster

Red Class

It was lovely to see so many of you on Wednesday at our cluster assembly. We had a great time and hope that you did as well. The children have been very excited preparing for it and for Easter generally, making Easter bonnets and chocolate Easter nests, and they have heard rumours of an Easter egg hunt today...

We have still been working hard despite the end of term looming, and have done some wonderful write-ups of our fact files in our very best handwriting. In maths we have finished off sorting things, with many of us using Venn and Carroll diagrams to sort by several criteria at once.

Our topic next term will be "community" and we will be out and about visiting some key places in our local area, and writing some articles for a school newspaper.

Katherine, Julie, Nicola, and Sarah





News from Autumn Cluster





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Gold Class

Happy 'end of Spring Term Friday', where has it all gone?

In literacy this week we have had a brief look at descriptive writing. Using our five senses we have described different images and settings such as a stormy seafront, a frosty hillside or even a spooky graveyard!

In Maths, following on from our work on fractions, we have investigated counting with decimals and have investigated who won the 100m race at the Olympic Games by ordering different decimal numbers.

Our cluster assembly on Wednesday went excellently and we were really happy to be able to share some of our work with you.

Today has also been our last Dance lesson of the year, we finished it with a grand routine to the tune of 'Cool' by the Jonas Brothers!

Have a truly fantastic holiday break regardless of whether you celebrate Easter or Eid and we look forwards to seeing you next term!

Richard, Teresa, Julie, Marie, Helen, Sian, Laura and Lorraine!

~ The Gold Class Crew

P.S. Please enjoy some of my favourite photos from the term on the next page.

Homework

Please talk about your five senses with your child when out and about town. What can you see/hear/smell/taste and feel? Where possible use describing words to enrich your responses, e.g. 'noisy' motorbike. In supporting Maths, please help your child with the concept of less than 1 and breaking whole numbers apart with discussion in terms of fractions and decimals. You might for example talk about half of a cake in cooking or a tenth of a pound at the shop.



News from Autumn Cluster





News from Winter Cluster

Silver Class

Well done Silver Class you have all worked so hard this term and we are all very proud of you! We had such a wonderful time at Snakes and Ladders swinging on swings, zipping down slides and relaxing in the ball pool. It was a well-deserved treat. When the summer months come we will plan some trips to the park and make the most of the weather.



Have a very Happy Easter and we look forward to seeing you for St George's day,

Emily, Niki, Jill, Jimena and Annie



News from Winter Cluster

White Class

The children have done more great work on growing and have explored the words 'baby', 'toddler', 'child' and 'adult'. Take a look at how much the children have grown over the years. Can you guess who is who?



Here are some moments of peace and relaxation in our covered outdoor area. So nice when the sun is out too!



No Term Four week would be complete without a mention of our informal measuring with cubes. The children have moved on to smaller cubes and have practiced counting larger numbers as a consequence. Us adults can see how the children have developed their focus and understanding, as well as working with the seedlings in a very caring way.



News from Winter Cluster



Lots of lovely mess this week in Cooking. The children have made chocolate rice crispy cakes to celebrate Easter by melting the chocolate in the microwave and then taking turns to stir the mixture. We used PECS to request a turn to stir the messy stuff and then placed a little chocolate egg carefully on top. In Maths, the children used 1p pieces to practice counting by 'buying' their cake in the 'cake shop'. Some cakes cost as little as 3p and some were as much as 18p. Hmmm.





News from Winter Cluster

Some mesmerizing cold blue spaghetti in Sensory Club. A nice smile during painting. Whoops! Where did we put the aprons?



Our very last dance lesson of Term Four...

I don't think I've ever seen so many smiles in a lesson! Thank you to our external dance coach, Gina.





News from Winter Cluster

So nice to relax in the classroom and play with an interesting toy...



Our very last White Class birthday for this year...



In Term Five our topic is Farm Animals. *Neigh!* Yes, seriously, it is.

Have a lovely break and eat lots of chocolate!

From Jane, Zoe, Pauline, Lynette and our student helpers in White Class

Community Links

Choir

The choir had a wonderful time performing at Autumn cluster's assembly on Wednesday, and I'm sure you'll agree they did an amazing job. Huge congratulations especially to all the children who sang a solo or duet – Ryan, Richard, Holly, Isabel, William, Zenun. They sang beautifully and with such confidence. We followed this up on Thursday and Friday by visiting and singing to some of the other classes around school.

It will be very exciting to see some of you at the Easter Extravaganza event in Abbey Gardens this Saturday where Kingfisher singers will be joining other local primary schools to sing a song during the performance of the Passion Play. If you'll be in the audience, watch out for us!

Katherine

Summer Bootcamp at Kingfisher School

Some of you may be aware that I am the Chair of a small community group called Fit to Care. Our aims are to help improve the mental and physical health of carers through exercise. We host a subsidised fitness class on Mondays (term time) at Priority 6 in Abingdon for parent and family carers at a cost of just £3 per person. This has been a huge success over the last year with some amazing results such as loss of inches round our waists and better mental health. We have also started hosting some ad hoc walk and chats which has been a lovely way to talk and support each other while getting some exercise.

The Committee (run voluntarily by parent and family carers) have worked really hard over the last few months and have managed to secure funding to run a subsidised outdoor Bootcamp fitness class from May to October. It will be suitable for all levels of fitness, ability and disability just as the Monday class is and again will only be £3 per session. It will be run on a drop in basis so no need to book and promises to be great fun. Our coach Calum Bennet is highly qualified, very experienced and a really nice guy.

There is a flyer below with all the information you need on it and also my contact details. We really hope to see lots of people there – especially those of you who can't make the Monday class because of work. I promise you, you won't regret it!!!!

Karen Sharman



ESPECIALLY FOR CARERS

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OX14 3RR

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through exercise

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