



Dear Parents

Many thanks to parents for their support this week, and being vigilant testing their children who have had close contact or shown any signs of COVID. This all helps keep staff and children safe, and by doing this I am hopeful that we can bring down the rate of infection, and keep children in school.

As always the staff have been hugely supportive of each other and have worked together as a team to ensure that the school can run as normal. Thank you all.

Lauren Murrey

Keeping children safe online - Squid Game

Over the last few weeks I have heard children talking about watching Squid Games and requesting Squid Games merchandise on their Christmas list. The following information is taken from National Online Safety - a really useful website for parents with advice about online games and keeping children safe when using devices.

The most important advice for all parents is **“as a parent or carer, keep a watchful eye on the content that your children are viewing. Speak to them openly and chat about how they have been spending time on their devices; let them ask questions, too. Ensure that the parental controls are activated on your child’s device and that age-restricted child profiles are properly set up any on-demand services available through the family TV (such as Netflix) to prevent inappropriate content being streamed.”**

What is Squid Game?

Netflix’s Squid Game is set to become the streaming service’s most successful show of all time, with huge numbers of viewers taking to social media to discuss each new episode. The South Korean thriller features some scenes of fairly brutal violence and is rated 15. It follows a group of adults who compete to win innocent-looking playground games, but who are killed if they do not succeed at the tasks.

Squid Game’s popularity is beginning to spread across various online platforms. There has been a slew of content created – ranging from memes to apps – that convey the violence of the show, so it is important for parents, carers and educators to understand the basis of Squid Game and the potential risks to young people who might be exposed to it.

What are the hazards for children?

Squid Game’s 15 rating has not prevented clips and images from the show being uploaded onto social media sites such as TikTok with the #SquidGame hashtag being viewed more than 22.8 billion times. There have been reports of children who have accounts on these platforms inadvertently viewing gory, explicit scenes from the programme, and parents and carers should be mindful of the prevalence of these uploads.

Update from Kirstie Lawrence – Parent Governor for Wootton, and member of the Teaching and Learning Committee for the joint Governing Body.

The Governors from the Teaching and Learning committee took part in a Learning Walk around Tackley towards the end of last term. It was clear from our learning walk that the children are happy and fully respect the staff and each other. Classes appeared stimulating, with a wide variety of tasks going on throughout the school. All of the children were completely engaged in their learning and demonstrated that they could take ownership of their work, whilst having the confidence to support their peers learning too.

It was great to get out and see the learning taking place at Tackley and the Teaching and Learning committee are looking forward to taking part in a Learning Walk at Wootton early in December.

Reading Rainbow

Congratulations to the following children achieving the following reading certificates:

Orange

Lillian and Annabel

Yellow

Zachary, Holly Bryant, Joseph, Anabelle

Osprey Class - Residential Trip

Can parents please be reminded that consent and payment for the deposit for the Yenworthy Residential trip is due by Friday 3rd December.

Ash Class News

This week Ash class have talked about Advent and have started making our own Advent calendar, this is what we know about Advent calendars:

Sometimes we have toys in them (Joe)

Some are made of paper pictures (Hugo)

Some are sweets (Annabel)

I have chocolate in my Advent calendar (Holly)

They have windows that open and you can see a picture or writing (Aria)

Please also be reminded that Ash Class are having a Christmas craft open afternoon for parents on **Tuesday 7th December** from 1pm-3pm.

Osprey Class News

Our topic this term is Ancient Greece and we are learning about Greek Mythology, the gods and goddesses of Athens and Sparta. We are enjoying this particular topic because we are learning about things from a long time ago. Last week we had had lots of fun creating our own Greek Mythological creatures. This week our task in English was to rewrite one of the Greek Myths. (Darcey and Lillian).

Nativity News

This week we have started practicing our exciting whole school Nativity play 'The Jolly Christmas Postman'. We have tried on our costumes and practiced our lines. We are all looking forward to performing it as we have a fantastic range of songs and dances to share with our audience.

School Council

School Council have been very busy these past two weeks with events in the school. We all joined in with Anti bullying week with our own special twist—thinking about kindness and paying kindness forward. Each child in the school took part in a 'kind words' campaign, whereby they wrote a kind message for people in our community to brighten their day. Ash Class children then displayed these messages around the village.



We also enjoyed raising money for Children in Need and took part in a fancy dress parade around the playing fields, we raised £81 for this good cause, thank you to all parents, family members and villagers for your support.

FOWS Upcoming Activity

Design a Christmas Tree Competition

We are running a 'Design a Christmas tree' competition for one lucky family to win a tree worth £50 from Bunkers Hill Nursery. Your child will decorate their tree template as a classroom activity. A request for a £1 donation will be sent to everyone. If you wish to take part, you can pay via School Money to enter your child's design for judging by Mrs Murrey. The winner will get a voucher to bring home and it can be exchanged for a tree up to the value of £50 from the garden centre.

Christmas Gift Shop

With the help of the school, FOWS will soon be opening a Christmas gift shop for the children, giving them the opportunity to buy small presents for family and friends. Gifts are priced at 50p, £1, £1.50 and £2 and include items such as toiletries, accessories, stationery, chocolates, and small toys. The children will learn how to wrap the presents after selecting them.

Each child can buy up to a maximum of 4 items. Rather than paying in cash, you will be notified of the cost of purchases via School Money. Please contact the school office if you would like to give you child a maximum spend limit, or, should you not wish your child to purchase anything at all. Thank you for your support. FOWS

Oxfordshire Youth—Mental Health Awareness Training



The poster features a red background on the left with the text 'MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS' in white, 'Parents and Carers' in white, and 'FREE for Oxfordshire Residents*' in yellow. On the right, a photograph shows a man in a light blue shirt sitting and talking to two women. The Oxfordshire Youth logo is in the bottom right corner of the image.

In partnership with the Mental Wealth Academy, Oxfordshire Youth is delivering online **Mental Health Awareness Training for Parents and Carers** of young people. **The training happens monthly and it's FREE for Oxfordshire residents*.**

The session primarily considers the mental health of adolescents and young adults, aiming to help parents and carers to:

- Identify emotional distress
- Know where, and how, to signpost children and young people if you, or they, have a concern
- Learn practical strategies to help with listening to, and supporting, children and young people
- Develop your understanding of the wide range of factors and variables that can impact on children and young people's mental health
- Feel more confident and less fearful having 'the conversation' with your child or young person

The session lasts 1.5 hours and includes presentations and group work, providing the opportunity to speak with other parents and carers about young people's mental health.

Since the launch of the training, Oxfordshire Youth has received extremely positive feedback by the attendees. The evaluation forms that Oxfordshire Youth asks attendees to complete, show that parents and carers have improved their confidence, knowledge and understanding around young people's mental health. 100 % of the attendees would recommend this training to others.

For further information, booking or to check the dates of these sessions, please click on the link below:

[Oxfordshire Youth Events – Eventbrite](#)

*In order to receive tickets for free, Oxfordshire residents need to use the first part of their postcode as the promo code (e.g: OX4) when purchasing the tickets online