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On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November we are welcoming **The Roving Bookshop** into school. The Roving Bookshop is replacing our biannual book fair. The Roving Bookshop will arrive at school in the morning and shop assistants will transform The Burrow into a bookshop for the day. The shop sells over 3000 high-quality and critically acclaimed books, ensuring we are providing our children with the best titles out there. Each class will have a 20 minute slot at the bookshop to browse and buy a book of their choice. Envelopes for cash and more information will go home on Monday and, if you wish your child to buy a book at the bookshop, must be returned by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will keep all money safe until the bookshop arrives on Friday. The bookshop will remain open after school for parents and carers to browse and buy. As with the previous book fair, the bookshop runs on a commission basis; the more money our families spend, the more money the school has to spend to buy high-calibre resources for our children to use. We appreciate all your support with this!

My congratulations to the Year 5 Anti Bullying Ambassadors for a fantastic meeting yesterday- they collaborated in Google Slides using our Chromebooks. In about 30 minutes they created a complete and amalgamated slideshow for an upcoming assembly presentation. Further congratulations go to the Year 6 Digital Safety Leaders who continue to be very organised (chairing and minuting their meetings very effectively). They are about to launch an online safety certificate scheme across the school which will be presented in another assembly.

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, Dr Claire Shorrock (Yr 6 classteacher) is currently in Shanghai. Below is an update of her first week:

*My first week in Shanghai has come to an end and what a week! I have spent my time at the Shangbo Experimental Primary School observing maths lessons with all year groups: maths lessons are taught by maths specialist teachers and last 35 minutes. Similar to England, Chinese maths teachers design the steps to the lesson carefully with consideration of prior learning and learning that will follow. The lessons are quickly paced and tied into real life contexts to inspire the children. Following the maths lessons, the maths teachers all get together in a 'Teacher Research Group' (TRG) and discuss what the teacher did to expose the structure of the maths and provide constructive feedback for one another. Today, there was an additional TRG (these happen monthly) where the local maths expert, for this school it was Mr. Zhu Wei, attends a TRG and all the maths teachers discuss how to plan and teach a lesson: this was all about calculating the area of the parallelogram - I look forward to teaching my Year 6 children the lesson that was designed today! The Chinese teachers have looked after me very well and are excellent at translating the lessons, which are being taught in Chinese. However, the learning is easy to follow, even in Chinese, due to the small steps taken. In addition to observing maths lessons and participation in TRGs, I have had the opportunity to be taught 'ping-pong' - this school successfully competes at ping-pong - and have created a Chinese painting. I am looking forward to visiting a different primary school next week.* Dr Shorrock

Please do look at the blog to see some of the above activities. Tracking shows that there are only 3 or 4 people looking at the blog posts (unless it's a post about a residential visit of course)! The blog is a great way to see some of the things going on from day to day at school.

**Children in Need:** Today, children (and staff) were encouraged to come to school with their favourite teddy bear wearing their PJs, donating £1 for Children in Need. Our current total raised is £391.00!



## NOTICES ...

**Reminder: Admissions to school (Academic Year 20/19):** If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 you must apply for a school place for your child for entry in the academic year September 2020. You will be able to apply on-line from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019. Please visit [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) for further information. NB The deadline line date for online applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

**Please remember the following:-**

- It is the responsibility of parents/carers to apply for a school place by the deadline of 15 January 2020
- If your child is attending nursery classes within a primary school, you must still apply for a place in the main school
- You can list three different schools in order of preference. We strongly advise you to use all three preferences
- We advise you to enter your catchment (or designated) school as one of your preferences
- Attending your catchment school does not entitle you to free home to school transport if it is not your closest school and / under 2 miles away
- If your application is late, you are far less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools.

Click on this link for easy access to OCC website <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place>

## COMING UP...

The **Christmas** term is always a busy one. Further details about productions, lunches and events will go home in the next couple of weeks. Advance notice about **Christmas lunches** - dates as follows:-

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December Years FS and 6	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December Years 1 and 5	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December Years 2, 3 and 4
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Please remember on these three days your child will only be able to have a school meal on **their allocated day**.

The other two days you need to provide your child with a packed lunch whilst the other year groups have their festive meals.

We spend much time working out the logistics to ensure the Christmas lunch continues to go ahead, taking in to account any parent queries.



Below is a timetable for our **Christmas performances** next month. Please take time to make a note in your diary (or on your phone) when tickets become available. Please note that evening tickets are normally sold out within 24 hours! BOX OFFICE OPENS on 29<sup>th</sup> November and 6<sup>th</sup> December respectively.

<p><b>Foundation Stage &amp; Year 1 'Sing Song'</b></p> <p><i>When: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</i>  <i>Times: 10am and 2pm</i>  <i>Tickets required? Yes - £2 each</i> (limit of 2 tickets per family)  <i>Tickets available? Box Office opens at 8.30am Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov</i>            If you cannot get to our box office (reception) please email the school office to reserve tickets.</p> <p><b>Any tickets not collected by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November will be made available to parents who want extra on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b></p>	 <p><b>Year 2 Christmas Production 'Christmas with Aliens'</b></p> <p><i>When: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</i>  <i>Times: 1.30pm and 6pm</i>  <i>Tickets required? Yes - £2 each</i> limit of 4 tickets per family (maximum evening ticket allowance is 2 tickets)  <i>Tickets available? Box Office opens at 8.30am Monday 2nd Dec</i>            If you cannot get to our box office (reception) please email the school office to reserve tickets.</p> <p><b>Any tickets not collected by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December will be made available to parents who want extra on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	
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### Dates next week:

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Scratch Club	Lunchtime		
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	High Five Club UKLA Club Yr 5 Cycling Proficiency	3.15pm-4.15pm 3.15pm-4pm Afternoon	School Court Ladygrove	Meet in the library Selected children
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Drama Workshops Girls Football Club Boys Football Tournament	All Day 3.15pm-4.15pm Afternoon	School Field Boundary Park	KS2 students Meet in Class 10 Parents to take – leave school at 12.40pm
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Stemillions Club Yr 3 @ Willowbrook Cooking Club Choir Club Wildlife Gardening Club Year 3 Cake Crumbly	Lunchtime Afternoon 3.15pm-4.15pm 3.15pm-4.15pm 3.15pm-4.15pm 3.10pm	Willowbrook     Courtyard	Badminton Meet in the library Meet in Class 13 Meet in Class 9 <b>THIS IS THE LAST ONE UNTIL T4</b> Please donate cakes to sell
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Roving Bookshop in School Sketch Club Yr 6 @ Willowbrook	All Day lunchtime Afternoon	The Burrow Willowbrook	See notice in this newsletter with further details PE Lesson

**Andrew Markham and the school team**

### Messy Church Event at the Ladygrove Community Centre

The Ladygrove Church is running another Messy Church event on Saturday, 16th November 3.00-5.00pm, this time celebrating *Pray Day for Schools*. It will have all the usual stuff – craft activities, a song, a story and food. It's free though donations are welcome.