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# LPPS Newsletter

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Year 5 took a live virtual trip around **Monkey World** to investigate further into the lives of species of monkeys that can be found in the Amazon rainforest and to help us learn more about their natural environment. The Woolly Monkeys put on a very funny display, including a family play fight, and we also heard all about the dangers of standing underneath a marmoset! Thanks to Annie from Monkey World for being our guide.

Congratulations to the newest **House Captains** who finally had their first meeting with me today and have already embarked on collecting and presenting the house points for the school each week. From next week, we will start to offer further pupil responsibility roles as well as relaunching the existing Peer Mentors.

## Covid update

There have been no new positives in our community since the start of the week and things have settled after a turbulent covid start. Therefore, from Monday we **won't expect parents to use masks onsite** (although staff will continue to use them in common areas around the school for now). We will also **reopen the play equipment**. We will maintain current school timings for now and will inform you, giving you a good length of notice, when we plan to change these. Just to note: the staggered timings allow for less bottlenecks at pick up and drop off but they also facilitate staggered timings for classes and pupils through the school day- enabling more flexibility and opportunity for us to use all the premises. Thanks to absolutely everyone for their help and understanding.

**Free School Meals (FSM):** If you are in receipt of benefit support from the government you may be entitled to Free School Meals. It is important you make the school aware of this as we receive funding from the Government for families that qualify for FSM. If you think this relates to you, please come and speak to one of us in the office (with your National Insurance Number) and we can check your eligibility. Please note this is different to Universal Free School Meals where ALL children in FS and KS1 are entitled to a free meal daily.

## COMING UP.....

**School Census Day - Thursday 7th October** is national school census day when a snapshot of school data is taken and the information used to calculate our future funding. We would like to encourage ALL Children in KS1 and FS to take up a free school meal on this day in order that we can get our maximum funding. Our lovely kitchen team will be offering **Beef Burger/Vegetarian Burger in a bun with chips and beans and jelly for dessert**. Meals just need to be ordered in the usual way. KS2 children can also order this meal, payment made as normal via Parentpay unless they are entitled to Free School Meals.

**Parents' Evenings:** We will be holding the Parent Teacher Interviews by Zoom video conference again. Class teachers will set these calls up securely (using the virtual waiting room system so only one family is admitted at a time). You will have the chance to reserve a 10 minute slot and then get an invitation from your teacher. These meetings will mainly take place after school during the **week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October**. More information to follow from your teacher, including what we will do if you do not have access to a device for video conferencing.

**PALS** had a very productive meeting this week. They have pitched a number of very **exciting fundraisers and social events**. There will be some outdoor school events this term and dates will be secured for in school events starting in the spring. The intention is that all activities will be arranged in order to maximise the chances they will take place. Get ready to put those dates in your diary, in pen, when they are announced!

PALs are putting together the **Parent Representative** list for this year. In a nutshell, there is a Parent Rep for each class, this is someone who keeps abreast of all the information we send out, aggregates the most poignant parts for their particular class and sends it via a social platform. A request will come out shortly for new reps in classes which do not have one.

## **PALS AGM - Thursday 7th October 2021**

Everyone is welcome to join us for our PALS (Parents Association) AGM on Thursday 7th October at 7.30pm. Venue to be confirmed, dependent on restrictions. We would love you to join us and find out more about the fundraising we do for school.

**LPPS Reading Challenge!** To encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, we will be running a **sponsored reading challenge** in association with **Usborne Books** between **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September** and **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October**. We are inviting you to take part in this fun reading event. Children are sponsored to complete as many of the reading challenges in the grid as they can for the duration of the event and all the money raised will go towards brand new books for our school. This project is being organised in conjunction with our **Usborne Books representative**, Gemma Cotterell. In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total raised in **EXTRA FREE BOOKS** to the school. **So for every £600 raised we will get an extra £360 in FREE Usborne books!** Please help us to enhance our reading resources for pupils by encouraging your child to raise sponsorship and complete as many of the fun reading challenges as possible. Should you wish to support our sponsored reading challenge a sponsorship form for your child along with a grid of challenges to complete will be sent home on Monday. After the event, please send all the sponsorship money (in cash) that your child has raised to the school by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October**. Thank you for your support and happy reading!  
*Gemma Fowkes, Year 5 Classteacher*

## **NOTICES ...**

The Local Authority has added an **extra holiday day** for schools this year. For us, this day will be **Tues 4th January 2022**, making the Christmas holiday one day longer. Spring Term begins on **Wednesday 5th January**. Hopefully, this will not cause any inconvenience for you and will give the children an extra day in a very full holiday period.

**Lost Property** is in a big, overflowing box in the courtyard. At times when the weather is clement pupils usually take their jumpers off at playtime, regardless of reminders when they come back in and checks of the play area, a few jumpers are missed. These go into the lost property when they are found. This is a key reason to label clothes, especially jumpers.

**Reminder: Admissions to school (Academic Year 22/23):** If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 you must apply for a school place for your child for entry in the academic year September 2022. You will be able to apply on-line from 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021. 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 2022.

### **Please remember the following:-**

- It is the responsibility of parents/carers to apply for a school place by the deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022
- 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>

### **Reminder: Admissions to Secondary School:**

Year 6 parents can now apply online for secondary schools and the closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

Remember, to ensure your child transfers to the school that you consider most appropriate, you must apply before the closing date.

*Please visit secondary schools websites for information about 'virtual' tours/parent meetings.*

Click on this link for easy access to OCC website.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/secondary-school>

For transport information click on this link <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/travelling-school>

## Secondary School Open Events:

**Families are warmly invited to join us at Aureus School for our autumn open events.**

### **Year 5 and 6 Open Evening – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 5-7pm**

Join us for a student-led tour of the school, meet some of our wonderful teachers, take part in activities and listen to a talk from our Headteacher, Ms Hunter (there will be two talks taking place at 5.15pm and 6.15pm).

### **Year 6 Open Mornings – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 9-10am**

The morning will consist of a student-led tour of the school and a talk from Ms Hunter.

The open mornings will primarily be for Year 6 families. Year 5 Open Mornings will be held in the Summer Term.

To register your place, please visit <http://www.aureusschool.org/548/open-events>

# Didcot Girls' School

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## School Tours 2021

Tours will take place on the following mornings

*Please note that we can only accept one adult and one child per family*

<b>Monday 4th October</b>	<b>Tuesday 5th October</b>	<b>Thursday 7th October</b>
<b>Friday 8th October</b>	<b>Monday 11th October</b>	<b>Tuesday 12th October</b>
<b>Wednesday 13th October</b>	<b>Thursday 14th October</b>	<b>Monday 18th October</b>
	<b>Tuesday 19th October</b>	

*All School Tours 9am-11:15am*

*To book a place please use the links on the Open Events page of our website*

## Open Evening

Wednesday 29th September

4:30pm-7:30pm

*No booking required*

## COMING UP.....

**Parents' Evenings:** We have been exploring all the possibilities around Parents' Evening in the last week of half term. There can be no visits to the site and our phone lines will not support a large number of calls from numerous classes at the same time. Therefore we are planning to hold your Parent Teacher Interview by video conference. Class teachers will set these calls up securely (using the virtual waiting room system so only one family is admitted at a time). You will have the chance to reserve a 10 minute slot and then get an invitation. These meetings will mainly take place after school during the week beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October. More information to follow, including what we will do if you do not have access to a device for video conferencing.



Harcourt Arboretum is looking forward to a busy autumn programme for schools and families. Please find attached a flyer for the annual Autumn Fair.

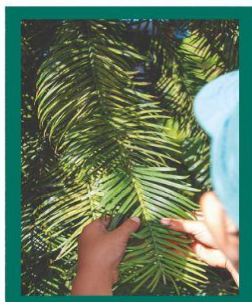


# AUTUMN FAIR

9<sup>th</sup> October

- at -

HARCOURT ARBORETUM



Book online at [OBGA.OX.AC.UK](https://obga.ox.ac.uk)

ACTIVITIES  
FOOD CRAFTS

ANIMALS  
DRINK MUSIC

Matrix Music School & Arts Centre is delighted to offer free trial music lessons for 2 – 7 year olds on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October** in Sutton Courtenay. Please visit [www.matrixmusicschool.co.uk](http://www.matrixmusicschool.co.uk) for more details.



## YAMAHA MUSIC SCHOOL



# Open day Sunday 10th October

## Ages 2 - 7 years

**Email:** [mail@matrixmusicschool.co.uk](mailto:mail@matrixmusicschool.co.uk)  
**Telephone:** 01235 847264



### Half Term Activities

#### Full Circle Sports Holiday Sports & Activity Camp

Come and join us to make friends, learn new skills and have fun!

We are pleased to be running October Camp at Wallingford Sports Park once again.

Activities include: MultiSports, Forest School, Lacrosse, Hockey, Football, Dodgeball, Athletics, Volleyball, Cricket, Rounders, Tennis, Archery, Tag Rugby, Arts & Crafts and much more!

Dates: 25 October to 29 October

Time: 9.30 to 4.30pm (extra time of 8.30am to 5.30pm available - charges apply)

Venue: Wallingford Sports Park (OX10 9RB)

Cost: £34 per day (sibling and multiday discounts available)

We are OFSTED registered and accept Childcare Vouchers and the Government Tax Free payments.

For more details or to reserve your places -

Email - [sam@fullcirclesports.co.uk](mailto:sam@fullcirclesports.co.uk)

Call - 07976 658810



# OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITY CAMP

Come join us to learn new skills, make new friends and have fun!

All Coaches are Experienced,  
Qualified and Insured

Monday 25 October  
to Friday 29 October  
(5 days)

Wallingford  
Sports Park  
(OX10 9RB)

9.30am to 4.30pm

Extra time of 8.30am to 5.30pm  
available - charges apply)

£34 per day  
Multiday & Sibling  
discounts available  
OFSTED Registered  
Childcare Vouchers accepted

"Exceptional Care"  
"Outstanding  
Provision"  
"Excellent Coaches"  
~OFSTED~

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[www.fullcirclesports.co.uk](http://www.fullcirclesports.co.uk)



Staggered drop off and pick up times

We are currently keeping these timings but will communicate any changes as much in advance as possible.

Reception 9am drop off 2.50pm pick up	Years 1, 3 & 5 8.40am drop off 3pm pick up	Year 2, 4 & 6 8.50am drop off 3.10pm pick up
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After School Club finishes at 5.30pm

Andrew Markham and the school team