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Dear Families,

As we move through December and into the final days of the autumn term, it is timely to tell you about some exciting work we have been doing over the autumn term. Since September, we have been working across the school with the staff and children, looking at our Vision and Values and how we can update and refresh them to meet the needs of our school over the coming years. Our Vision and Values underpin all the work we do in school in our curriculum, personal development, behaviours and actions and drive the culture and ethos of our school as a Church of England Primary School. This work has also included discussions with our Local Governing Board members and our Trust, ODST.

I am pleased to say we are now able to share with you the refreshed, reviewed and revised Vision and Values that we will be using from now on to support and develop all aspects of life, learning and living at Wroxton.

Our Biblical reference remains, ***“I have plans to give you Hope and a Future”*** **Jeremiah 29:11** and we are building on our Vision to be inspired to achieve our best in all aspects of our lives and futures.

We have brought this all together into,

“Aspiring to be our Best Selves, with Love, Compassion and Courage”.

From now on, you will see this replacing the Learn, Care, Share and Worship on our letterheads, websites and documents and you will notice we have taken that wording off the school badge. Over time, our school uniform will change to not have these words too – but only after the current stock at the suppliers runs out. No one needs to change ANYTHING they have already bought or plan on buying.

We have been working hard with the children as they identify how **Love**, **Compassion** and **Courage** cover all aspects of their lives and how we can weave these values into our daily work in all areas. They have responded beautifully with some wonderful examples, shared across the school, of what these words mean to them and how they have experiences and already live by them in school and at home. We have now asked each school House, Maple, Oak and Birch, to take on being the ‘Champions’ for one of the values:

Maple: Love.

Oak: Compassion

Birch: Courage

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We will be sharing examples of how we live our lives by these values and how they give us hope and aspiration to be our best selves and enable us to have a bright future over the coming months. This will be included in our Worship, with Bible stories and stories from other faiths and non; links in our curriculum planning and activities making sure that we know how our learning is linked to our Vision and Values; making sure that when we praise and celebrate the achievements of our children we link it to how they are living our Vision and also when things go wrong – which value did you not consider when you had that falling your with your friend, and the like.

We hope that you will be able to join us in promoting, developing and embedding our Vision and Values by working with your child to recognise when they carry out these actions. When they are **Courageous** trying something new, when they show **Love in** all its different ways and when they are **Compassionate** and caring – even to their big brother, who may be annoying, but they know they Love him unconditionally. Please let us know and wonderful examples of the Values and our Vision you see in your children over the coming weeks and share it with us, we will celebrate with them and use their example with others. Our House points competition will reflect a bigger emphasis on the Vision and Values in action, so there is even more reason to 'spot the brilliance' in your child over the coming festive period.

If you have any amazing examples of our Vision or Values that you have experienced in life, we would love to hear about them too, maybe you could come into school and share them with the class or wider school in the New Year?

Advent and celebrations

As we travel through Advent, we remember the Love of Mary and her Baby. The compassion of Joseph towards his Wife and Child and the Courage the family showed as they fled Egypt as refugees to a place of safety, away from the tyranny of Herod.

We know many people still like to share Christmas cards and we are happy for children to bring them into school and our internal post office will distribute them, so long as they have a name and a class on them! However, we also want to acknowledge our pledges to the environment and those less fortunate than ourselves and suggest that if you want to do something different this year. Cards which will end up in the bin come the new year, and you may like to make a longer lasting donation to our friends supporting the refugee families in our own community to be safe and well this year. If you would like to, we are welcoming donations of basic food stuff – flour, rice, pasta, oil, - to support families to have a chance to cook their own meals this Christmas and come together in whatever challenging circumstances they face. We can also accept small cash donations if you prefer.

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Whatever way you support our Advent time, we welcome you to join us in school for a wide variety of events over the next two weeks and we hope that all of these bring the Love of Christmas to you and all you family.

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful and successful New Year.

Mrs Woods and the entire Wroxton Team.

11-12	2.00 Eagles and Kestrels Christmas Performance
12-12	9.30 Eagles and Kestrels Christmas Performance
13-12	2.45pm Kites Class Celebration Worship – all welcome
17-12	Christmas Dinner
18-12	9.00 Advent reflections – all welcome
19-12	Katherine House Santa Fun Run
20-12	1.30 School CLOSSES for Christmas Holidays NB – No Night Owls today
6-1-25	Spring term 1 starts School OPENS 8.35am
10-1	Friends of Wroxton visiting Panto in school. Details to follow
13-1	Bikeability course Y6 Junior Citizen.
20-1	Residential to Kilvrough Manor

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24-1	Oxfordshire County Youth Orchestra Schools Concert in Oxford. Details of children attending to follow.
31-1	2.45pm Kestrels Class Celebration Worship – all welcome
14-2	2.45pm Eagles Class Celebration Worship – all welcome 3.15 School CLOSES for Half Term.
24-2	Spring term 2 starts School OPENS 8.35am
6-3	World Book Day
7-6	2.45pm Falcons Class Celebration Worship – all welcome

(Dates are subject to change for operational reasons)

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