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Dear Families,

January is over and we head into February with the half term break imminent at the end of this week. It's certainly been a short one but lots going on and this letter explains more about some of the events and activities that have or will soon be happening. An updated dates list is, as ever, at the end of the letter.

Thanks go this week to Mr Hickman and the team from St Mary's who spent last week on The Gower peninsula at Kilvrough Manor with most of Y5 and Y6. Meeting everyone off the coach on Friday night and seeing their tired by smiling faces reminds me why this sort of trip is so important. The photos look fantastic and I am looking forward to hearing all about their adventures this week. Remember to check out our 'X' and Facebook socials where lots of photos and information from this trip and other events are posted.

The roof work continues, thank you to everyone for your patience with the parking situation and the obstacle course around the scaffolding. This scheduled replacement for wear and tear will mean that our very flat roof has no more leaks for many years to come. Once this work is complete, the CCTV engineers will be able to gain access and install our security improvements which will give eyes on coverage around the entire building. We are also waiting to hear the outcome of a longer term bid to our Trust to modernise and improve the entrance area of school to bring it up to modern standards. We will keep you up to date with progress on this when we have it.

Thank you to everyone who has donated loose parts, old toys and other items for our enhanced play provision. Mrs Di Giorno is thrilled with how things are going. If you happen to be doing that Spring clean / tip trip over half term, have a think if any of the items could come to school for us to utilise in play. You'd be amazed what children can invent with items we may consider old rubbish. If you are not sure if what you have will be useful, Mrs Di Giorno is outside Falcons classroom most afternoons and happy to talk all things play.

In staffing news.....

Mrs Jennings is really loving leading the Eagles class and she and the team invite parents and carers to join them from 2.30pm on Thursday 8th February to explore their knights, castles and dragon work, share topic based story and factual books with us and even role play in our castle.



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Mrs Jo Wootton has joined us, working largely in Kestrels as an experienced Teaching Assistant. Thank you for making her feel welcome.

After half term, Mrs Andrea Wistow will be joining us as the full time teacher in Falcons class. Y6 families have received a detailed letter regarding this. Andrea is a very experienced Y6 teacher and subject leader and joins us replacing the teaching position held by Mrs Taylor and made vacant by her retirement. Mrs Di Giorno will continue as the Assistant Headteacher working to support teaching and learning, curriculum development and leading English and play across both Wroxton and St Mary's.

Regarding communication with the leadership team.

If you have a question, query or issue, please always go to your class teacher first. They are the person with your child every day. Mrs Sullivan deals with lunches, money, medical and absence issues but not teaching and learning. If you need further support, then Mrs Di Giorno, as Assistant Headteacher is on site pretty much every day and leads the day to day teaching and learning organisation, lunchtime, play and events. Ms Bailey is Executive Deputy Head and is at school 2 or three days a week. She can be contacted via the office if she is not on site and will contact you by phone or email regarding anything to do with additional or special needs and family support work. I am in school one or two days a week, focusing on the strategic and business needs of school, working with our Trust officers on things like the site development and also with Mrs Di Giorno and Ms Bailey supporting the development of the curriculum and quality of education in school. This does mean that it is very likely that I will not be 'hands on' in every issue you may want support with, but please be assured that we work very closely as a senior leadership team and Ms Bailey and Mrs Di Giorno have the skill, experience and authority to take decisions and carry out their roles fully.

We are fully aware this is a new system for school; it is for us and St Mary's as well. But in order to ensure that schools remain financially viable, can offer the full range of education, experiences and services, this model is increasingly the chosen one. In ODST there are some 8 or 9 similar partnerships and more planned whilst other local Multi Academy Trusts, both small and large, all have similar models. When any of us are in school at the start or end of the day and not otherwise engaged, we try to ensure we are on the gates, please do come and talk to us, we are really happy to chat and find out more about our community.

Pancake Races.....(It's Friday, but.....)

This Friday we will be holding our fun pancake races because it's Shrove Tuesday during half term and we won't be able to hold them. This is a little bit of fun and involves no cooking or eating of pancakes at all – they usually end up on the floor! What we do have is lots of fun. You are invited to join us on the playground at 2.30 on Friday and all will be revealed, including the possibility of the staff / parent race if



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we have time. The only thing we ask is that if you have a small frying pan, you send it into school on Friday. Don't worry if you don't there are bound to be enough for us to share. Please do put your child's name on it though so we can return it to the rightful owner. We look forward to seeing you then.

As promised below are the upcoming dates, some have been added and a few changed, so please check your diary.

Sara, Sarah and I, as well as the entire Wroxton team, wish you a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing you on back on Monday 19th February.

Your sincerely

Victoria Woods
 Executive Headteacher

Date and times	Event	Notes
Thursday 8 th February	Y3/4 Sports Hall Athletics	Children have been notified by letter of the details
Thursday 8 th February	Eagles Class Come and Share	2.30 in Eagles classroom parents and carers are invited to come and share the children's learning
Friday 9 th February	Shrove Tuesday Races	Fun and games with pancakes. Join us from 2.30pm on the playground for fun and games.
Friday 9 th February 3.15pm	School CLOSES for Half Term	
Monday 19 th February	School OPENS at 8.35am	
Thursday 22nd February **NEW DATE**	Phonics and Early Reading presentation	3.30 with a focus on Eagles class, but all welcome, our team will share with you how we teach phonics and early reading and how you can support your child at home
Monday 26th February **NEW DATE**	Falcons Class Pre SAT meeting	1:1 appointments for all Y6 children and parents with Mrs Wistow and Mrs Di Giorno



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Thursday 29th February	Martial Arts demonstration sessions for whole school	Details to follow
Thursday 29th February	Kestrels Celebration Worship	2.45 in the Hall, all welcome. Please note, this is a THURSDAY not Friday
Friday 1 st March	Eagles Class trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park	
W/c 4 th March W/c 11 th March	S.T.E.M Weeks	A focus on science and engineering curriculum.
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	This will include an evening ' Bedtime Story Time ' for all classes and a chance for parents to learn how we teach reading and a joy of books to our children. Details to follow
Friday 8 th March	Para Olympian Athlete visit to school, AM	Details to follow
Friday 8 th March	Kites Celebration Worship	2.45 in the Hall, all welcome.
Monday 11 th Tuesday 12 th Wednesday 13 th March	Parent Consultation Evenings	Details to follow
Thursday 14 th March	Y5/6 Netball	Children will be notified by letter of the details
Friday 15 th March	RED NOSE DAY	Details to follow
Friday 15 th March	Reception and Y6 National height and weight screening	Details to follow
Friday 15 th March	Eagles Celebration Worship	2.45 in the Hall, all welcome.
Monday 18 th March	Whole School Curriculum Art Day	Details to follow
Friday 22 nd March	Whole School EXPO	Opportunity to come and share your children's learning. Details to follow



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Tuesday 26 th March	Easter Service at Church	Times and details to follow
Wednesday 27 th March	Falcons trip to Swan Theatre, Stratford Upon Avon	Details to follow
Wednesday 27th March	F.O.W BINGO	Eyes down for lots of fun at 6.00pm
Thursday 28th March	LAST DAY OF TERM SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30PM	
	There will be NO NIGHT OWLS TODAY	
MONDAY 15th April 2024	Spring term 2 starts School OPENS 8.35am	
Wednesday 1 st May	Kites Trip To 'Aladdin' @ MK	Details to follow
Thursday 2 nd May	Y2 Multiskills	Children will be notified by letter of the details
Friday 3 rd May	May Day Revels	Details to follow
Monday 6th May	BANK HOLIDAY	SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 13 th – Thursday 16th	Falcons SAT Tests	NO requests for absence can be authorised this week
THURSDAY 23rd May, 3.15pm	School CLOSSES for Half Term	
	PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A THURSDAY AND MAY DIFFER FROM OTHER LOCAL SCHOOLS	
TUESDAY 4th June 2023	Summer term 2 starts School OPENS 8.35am	
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Tuesday 18th June	SPORTS DAY	Details to follow
Wednesday 19 th June	RESERVE Sports Day	Reserve if weather bad on 18th



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Friday 28 th June	Friends of Wroxton School Disco	Details to follow
W/C 1 st July	Banbury Schools Y7 Transition	Please liaise with the secondary school directly for exact details. Each school is slightly different.
Friday 12 th July	Art EXHIBITION	Annual chance to see your children's amazing artwork. Details to follow
Friday 19 th July	Annual Reports sent home. These will contain details of the next year regarding classes and teachers	
Friday 19 th July	Music SHOWCASE	Annual chance to hear your children's amazing music. Details to follow
Monday 22 nd July	CO Jo's, OPAL, Forest School, PE Family Day	Come and enjoy all our outdoor learning opportunities with your children
Tuesday 23 rd July	Service of Thanksgiving for our Leavers at All Saint's Church	All welcome to join our service.
Wednesday 24 th July	LAST DAY OF TERM SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30PM There will be NO NIGHT OWLS TODAY	Year 6 Families, only, are invited to attend the fun leavers assembly at 9.15am