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Dear Families

In the month since the last newsletter, there has been much happening including lots of planning for the Festive Season and the New Year. This letter contains a lot of information and I trust you will find it useful. As ever, the long term list of dates has been updated at the bottom of the page, but given how busy the next two weeks are, here is the finalised update on all the Festive events and how you can be involved. We look forward to welcoming you to Christmas at Wroxton and for those of you unable to join our events, remember our new website is growing as are our Facebook and 'X' pages with pictures and reports about all of our events.

Date and Times	Event	Notes
Friday 8 th December 3.15-5.00pm	F.O.W Christmas Fair - All Welcome	Fun for everyone and a visit from Father Christmas himself!
Monday 11 th December, Tuesday 12 th December	Eagles perform: <u>"We're Going on a Baby Hunt"</u>	Tickets have been sent home.
Thursday 14 th December	Kestrel's evening trip to Waddesdon Light Trail	A magical trip after school to see the Festive lights.
Monday 18 th December	Wroxton's own 'Christmas Day'	Fun in the morning, Christmas Lunch and a party in the afternoon. Children can bring party clothes or Christmas jumpers to change into.
Tuesday 19 th December 2.00pm	School Christingle Service at All Saint's Church - All Welcome	We will gather together (with children sitting with their family members) to make Christingles and celebrate this special time. If parents are unable to attend, children will be partnered with a child from another class. A collection will be made during the service. Children to be collected from the church at 3pm unless they are attending Night owls.
Wednesday 20 th December 9.00am	A Christmas Celebration - All Welcome	All the children, staff and families will gather to wish our leavers every good luck for the future, to share memories and have some Christmas merriment. Stay and share a mince pie (or two!) with us afterwards.



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Staffing.

As you know, Mrs Taylor is retiring at Christmas and we will be wishing her a happy retirement on 20th December.

Additionally, I can now tell you that Mrs Ledo has, after much consideration and reflection, taken the very difficult decision to step away from teaching at this time in order to spend more time with her young family. We are all very sad to see her go, but as teachers and parents ourselves, we know just how hard it is to juggle both things at once and being a Mum has to come first for her at this time.

Mrs Jennings, who the children have got to know this term, will be stepping into the main class teacher role so there will be lots of continuity for the children in Eagles.

Finally, we have our own Christmas Baby due, Miss West is expecting her bundle of joy in early January and will be leaving us to get ready and have a well earned rest before the big event. I am pleased to say that Mrs Joanne Wootton has been appointed as a Teaching Assistant and will be joining the team at the start of term, I know you will all make her feel very welcome.

Sadly, without Mrs Ledo or Miss West in school, we will not have any qualified Forest School Leaders for a period of time. I am working on options around this and just as soon as a solution can be found, we will re-establish this important part of our curriculum.

Site Development News

We have been working hard with our Trust and Site Surveyor to manage a number of large projects to upgrade and develop our site. The first of these is happening in January when much of our flat roofing will be replaced. This project, costing well over £100k and being funded by ODST, will involve extensive scaffolding being put up around the building for a few weeks. We will let you know if it affects any of the routines for school, such as routes in and out, although this is unlikely. This will mean that the water ingress we regularly suffer during heavy rain will be solved and the building will be less damp in places than it currently is.

Additionally, planning is currently underway to replace the boundary fencing with fencing of a more up to date standard. It will be higher and more secure for everyone and meet today's expected standard for school sites. On top of this, we also want to make sure that our beautiful but very open site, can be seen by people in the building more easily. Hence there are also plans in development for CCTV to be added to the building, covering the carpark, gates and playground. You will have seen we already have a camera in the entrance, so we can see who is coming to school before they are in the building. We know these developments are a sad



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indictment on modern society, but it is important that all schools meet an expected standard of site security to ensure everyone is safe inside school. This project is also being funded by our Trust.

You may also want to know where the Music Room project is up to. For those of you unaware, this is a legacy donation of a sum of money to provide a space for music education and performance as well as house a kindly donated piano. The Local Board of Governors continues to work with the Trust to establish a workable plan to make this bequest a reality and design and planning options are at an advanced stage. As soon as we can confirm the next steps, we will let you know.

Looking ahead, we have plans to redevelop and upgrade the outdoor area of Eagles which is a little tired and worn and that we want to be as exciting for our youngest children to be playing in as their classroom is. Steps after this will include decorating the areas of school looking most tired and redeveloping our library space to be a modern, vibrant and exciting place to find a book. Playtimes are just as important to us at Wroxton as classroom lessons, so Mrs Di Giorno is leading a drive to enable our breaktimes to be filled with a wider variety of play and activity and we look forward to watching this develop over the coming months.

Finally, we have completed an audit of IT equipment available to our pupils and in the coming weeks we will be bringing a significant number of Chrome Books online so that the work the children do in Computing and across the curriculum using IT, can be better supported. Some of this will be funded by the 'Blue Tokens' from Tesco's project, so thank you for all that shopping!

REMINDER!! Changes to school Day

As we said in September the school day will be changing slightly from **8th January 2024**.

School registration will be at **8.45am, 5 minutes earlier** than currently. The gates will there for open at **8.35am. Children should not arrive before this time.**

School will finish at **3.15 pm, 15 minutes** later than currently.

Breakfast Club and Night Owls – time changes

During the Autumn we have been monitoring the use of Breakfast Club and Night Owls and we are making some slight alterations to timings which will better reflect this monitoring of use and comments and observations from families.



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We recognise many people want to drop their children off at school earlier than 8.00am. Meanwhile the number of children in Night Owls after 5.45 is very low. Therefore we are adjusting the times to better support this situation.

From January 8th

- Breakfast Club will Open at **7.45am**
- Night Owls will Close at **5.45pm.**

We know this will be helpful to a significant number of people but will cause some difficulty for a small number. We apologise for this, but ask you to understand that this wrap around care can only be maintained if it self funded by income, we can not support it from the main school budget. We know that our provision is considerable, when compared with other local schools providing shorter and fewer sessions and we trust that everyone will appreciate and support this decision.

With that, it just leaves me to wish you and yours a
VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR,
from all of us here at Wroxton.

We hope the Festive Season brings joy and happiness, rest and peace as you need and look forward to welcoming everyone back in January.

Mrs Woods, Ms Bailey, Mrs Di Gorno and the entire Wroxton Team

Expected Dates for the Year

Date and times	Event	Notes
Wednesday 20 th December	LAST DAY OF TERM SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30PM There will be NO NIGHT OWLS TODAY	
MONDAY 8 th January 2024	Spring term 1 starts – note changes to school day. School OPENS 8.35am School CLOSES 3.15pm	
Thursday 25th January	Friends of Wroxton Film Night	Details to follow
Monday 29 th January	Residential to Kilvrough Manor	



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Thursday 8 th February	Y3/4 Sports Hall Athletics	Details to follow
Friday 9 th February	Shrove Tuesday Races	Fun and games with pancakes. All welcome, details to follow
Friday 9 th February 3.15pm	School CLOSES for Half Term	
Monday 19 th February	School OPENS at 8.35am	
Thursday 22 nd February	Y5/6 Girls Football	Details to follow
W/c 4 th March W/c 11 th March	S.T.E.M Weeks	A focus on science and engineering curriculum. Event details to follow
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	Details to follow
Monday 11 th Tuesday 12 th Wednesday 13 th March	Parent Consultation Evenings	Details to follow
Thursday 14 th March	Y5/6 Netball	Details to follow
Friday 15 th March	Reception and Y6 National height and weight screening	Details to follow
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
Thursday 28 th March	LAST DAY OF TERM SCHOOL CLOSES AT 1.30PM	
	There will be NO NIGHT OWLS TODAY	
MONDAY 15 th April 2024	Spring term 2 starts School OPENS 8.35am	
Wednesday 1 st May	Kites Trip To 'Aladdin' @ MK	Details to follow



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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 PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A TUESDAY AND MAY DIFFER FROM OTHER LOCAL SCHOOLS	
Tuesday 18th June	SPORTS DAY	Details to follow
Wednesday 19 th June	RESERVE Sports Day	Reserve if weather bad on 18th
Friday 28th 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



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Tuesday 23 rd July	Service of Thanksgiving for our Leavers at All Saints 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

(Dates are subject to change for operational reasons)