

Botley School



Newsletter – 15th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

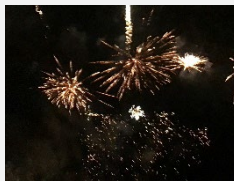
There is a lot to write about this week. Before the half term, the Fire Brigade visited the reception class. The children wrote the following for the newsletter with Mrs Jones.

We saw the firefighters today. They brought a fire engine and we sat in it. We looked around the fire engine. The firefighters showed us their massive scissors that they use for opening car doors. They showed us how fast they put on their fire uniform. David asked the firefighters to use their ladder to get the ball out of the tree but they had a special grabber to get it for us. We listened to the sirens and saw the flashing lights. Our homework is go and look for a smoke detector at home. We also need to learn our home addresses in case of a fire.



On Friday last week Layla Moran, MP, came to visit our enhanced pathway and to meet with Miss Doran and me. As a school, we are incredibly proud of the excellent work and provision that has been created in our Cherry class but we have been very concerned about how much funding we have been provided with by Oxfordshire County Council to keep the pathway sustainable. Layla was very impressed with our pathway, calling it the 'gold standard' of inclusive school provision. Following our conversation, she wrote to the local authority to support Botley School and to request further funding to ensure our pathway is sustainable and will continue to work with us in future. We are very thankful both that she took the time to come and visit us in person and for her continued support.

This Monday, the head of Oxfordshire SEND also visited our pathway alongside Oxfordshire's lead for enhanced pathways. Again, we discussed funding and how we can ensure this incredibly transformative provision can be sustainably funded for the future. This was also a very positive meeting that resulted in the agreement to recalculate our funding. We are now waiting for confirmation of the increase.



Of course, I cannot write the newsletter without mentioning the jaw-dropping firework display last Friday. Storm Fireworks pulled out all the stops and the result was absolutely breath taking. Thank you so much to the FOBS committee and the army of volunteers who supported the event and made it such a success. A special thank you to the volunteers who gave up their Saturday morning to check the school field and remove any firework debris so the field was safe for PE on Monday. The rough estimate of the profits raised is a staggering £4000, which will be used to support enrichment and resources for the pupils at Botley School this year.

Upcoming Events

- 18th November** – Yr 6 Residential week
- 29th November** – Year 4 Cake Sale
- 2nd December** – Yr 5 Bikeability week
- 10th December** – 1:30 KS1 nativity performance
- 11th December** – 4:00 KS1 Nativity performance
- 12th December** – 8:45 – 9:30 EYFS Christmas stay and Play
- 13th December** – Christmas Jumper Day
- 13th December** – Year 3 Cake Sale
- 17th December** – Panto in a Day performance for children
- 18th December** – Christmas Lunch
- 20th December 9:15** – Christmas Assembly – parents welcome

On Monday morning, we welcomed Mr Harness who came to talk to the pupils in our Remembrance Day Assembly. He talked about the Commonwealth War graves in Botley Cemetery and what different symbols on the gravestones mean. He also talked about the importance of trying to use words rather than fighting to resolve differences so that we can live in peace. The pupils were incredibly respectful throughout the assembly and finished by singing our assembly song 'Light a Candle for Peace' beautifully. Thank you Mr Harness for giving his time to talk to us.

Next week year 6 are off on their adventures at the PGL residential in Liddington and I am just as excited about the trip as the children!

Have a great weekend
Mrs Reid

Notices and Reminders

Lost Property

We are building up lots of lost property in the foyer areas just off the main playground. If your child has lost any clothing, please do check with them on arrival to the playground in the morning, or at collection time. Please also remember to label all your child's clothing as it is almost impossible to return lost items if they are not labelled.

Colder weather

The weather is due to get much colder next week, but there are some children still arriving in school without a coat, or going out to play without a coat. Please remind your child that they must have a coat in school next week so they can keep warm on the playground. If your child is bringing an extra hat or gloves, please remember to label those as well!

Cars on Elms Road

There are still a number of parents driving up Elms road in the morning. I have also seen parents reversing around the corner into Nursery Close and doing three point turns in the road. This is clearly not safe to do while the road is busy with pupils and families arriving in school. Please remember that if you need to drive to school, you should park at the shops or further away from Elms Road and walk the rest of the way to school. That way everyone can get to school safely. Thank you.

Would you like a more harmonious family life?

Join us for a 4 week Positive Parenting course to learn tips and strategies to achieve this. Starting on Monday 11 November from 12.45-2.45pm in Botley School.

No judgement, just a supportive environment. All previous attendees have told us that this course made a difference to them.

Just £20 per person or £30 per couple.

See the poster below for more details

Term Dates 2024-2025

Term 1

Thursday 5th Sept 2024 –

Fri 20th December 2024

Half term holiday:

28th Oct-1st Nov 2024

Term 2

Tuesday 7th Jan 2025 –

Thurs 3rd April 2025

Half term holiday:

17th Feb - 21st Feb 2025

Term 3

Tues 22nd April 2025 –

Tues 22nd July 2025

Half term holiday:

26th May-30th May 2025

INSET DAYS

Monday 6th January 2025

Friday 4th April 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025



Acer
TRUST



Botley School

Positive Parenting

4-part workshop to help create calm and happy families*

Monday 11th, 18th, 25th November and 2nd December
£20 per person for all 4 sessions (concessions available)

12:45-2:45pm
Botley School, Elms Road, Oxford, OX2 9JZ
Facilitators: Hayley Hayle & Sue Dowe

"The programme has helped me feel so much more confident about my parenting."

"..helped me open up and feel less alone with the challenges we've been facing as a family."

Join our workshops tailored for parents and caregivers of **children aged 0-7**.
Learn practical strategies to navigate the ups and downs of raising children, while building emotional resilience and raising a connected family.

<p>Part One Understanding children's behaviour Listening and communication Praise and encouragement</p>	<p>Part Two Praise & guidance VS criticism Child-led play Positive moments</p>
<p>Part Three Boundaries and parenting styles Time to calm down Dealing with stress and conflict</p>	<p>Part Four Choices and consequences Behaviour to ignore Looking after ourselves</p>

To book or for more information, email coordinator@botleybridges.org
or visit our website botleybridges.org

*Family Links Course - Developed by the Centre for Emotional Health

Photography Competition

Waters of the Cotswolds



SUBMISSION: Chose up to 2 themes : Submit 1 photo per theme

THEMES:

- Wildlife
- Reflections
- Troubled Waters
- Portraits by the River
- Historical Perspectives

Free to Enter

PRIZES:

Prizes for winners and runners-up

CATEGORIES:

- Under 11's
- 11-16 year-olds
- Open (16+)

DEADLINE:

Sunday 5th January 2025

CONTACT:

Evenlode@cotswolds-nl.org.uk



Pegasus

OXFORD LIGHT FESTIVAL 2024

AT PEGASUS

The Glow Gallery

Shadow Magic

Find the Light!

Art & Poetry Exhibition Queer Voices

SAT 16 NOV

ALL DAY FROM 10AM

All events FREE

Some need booking at pegasustheatre.org.uk

Pegasus Theatre, Magdalen Road, OX4 1RE

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD **TOPIC** **OCD UK**
The Oxford Psychological Interventions for Children and Adolescents Research Group

Do you have upsetting thoughts or habits that won't go away?

We want to make things easier for children like you, and we need your help to do it!

If you're **between 5 and 14 years old**, and started having thoughts that get stuck or habits you need to do over and over when you were aged 5 to 12, **we'd love to talk to you!**



We want to find a way for **parents to help their children** who have similar thoughts and habits to you. **We'd love for you to help us!**

What's in it for me?

- ✓ **Fun online sessions:** Where you'll share your ideas on a programme designed to help with upsetting thoughts & habits.
- ✓ **Awesome rewards:** Earn £25 for each session!

Scan here for more information! For more information or to sign up, you and your parents can **scan the code** or send us an email - **OCD-empower@psych.ox.ac.uk**



We're excited to hear from you!



UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD **TOPIC** **OCD UK**
The Oxford Psychological Interventions for Children and Adolescents Research Group

CALLING ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE SYMPTOMS/DISORDER (OCD)

Can you help us to develop a brief treatment to help parents support their child to overcome OCD?

We are looking for **parents of children (aged 5 to 12 years old)** with lived experience of OCD/OCD symptoms to attend a series of **6 online workshops**. These workshops aim to help us develop an online intervention focused on supporting parents to learn evidence-based tools to help their child to overcome OCD

We want to make sure the treatment works for as many families as possible, so are looking for parents that identify as being from one or more of the following groups:

- Parents in single-parent families
- Parents from minority ethnic groups
- Parents within low-income families
- Parents who have low levels of confidence/experience using technology



- ✓ Your child does **not** need a diagnosis of OCD
- ✓ You will be **paid for your time**
- ✓ **We can help** if you face difficulties in attending sessions, such as supporting you with costs and visiting you in your local community!

To register your interest please scan the QR code or email **OCD-empower@psych.ox.ac.uk**.
(If you're not able to attend 6 workshops but are keen to help us - please still register your interest and we can find alternative ways that you can be involved!)

SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION



FOREST FOXES
 Nature Socials
 FOR AGES 10-12
 at
HILL END
 OX2 9NJ
5 Oct ~ 16 Nov ~ 14 Dec
 FROM 2-4:30



contact JuliaD@quaker.org.uk to book

Forest Foxes Nature Socials: Young people ages 10-12 are welcome to join our second monthly forest-based adventure in the woods, around a fire, for friendship and fun.

Where: Hill End Outdoor Education Centre.

When: Saturday 2-4:30pm 16 November.

Contact JuliaD@quaker.org.uk to inquire and reserve a place.

Please note: Facilitator and helpers are forest school trained and DBSed.



GUITAR LESSONS



- Spaces available for beginner to advanced players. No need to own a guitar
- All styles covered - rock, pop, blues, classical, metal. Grades, performance, composition and theory all covered
- Lessons take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the school, with each 25 minute session taught on a 1-1 basis at £13 per lesson
- Fun, informative lessons tutored to inspire those interested in music!



For more information and to book a lesson please contact:

Lee Luland (School Guitar Teacher)

**Email: LeeLuland@live.co.uk
Tel: 07872478886**

Cumnor Pre-school presents...

NEARLY NEW SALE

Cumnor Primary School Hall

**SELLER SPACES
STILL AVAILABLE!**



£2 entry

**Saturday 16th November, 5-7pm
Sunday 17th November, 10am-12pm**

Buy and sell top-quality children's clothes (baby to primary school age), toys, books, games, maternity and nursery equipment
Bargains always on offer!
Card payments accepted



To sell (60% seller 40% pre-school split) or for more information email:
nearlynewsalecumnor@gmail.com

Next Thing
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XMAS TECH CAMP

Ages 5-11

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Ofsted Registered

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£39.99 PER DAY

Ages 5-11, 9 am - 4 pm daily

CHILD CARE VOICERS ACCEPTED

HAF PLACES AVAILABLE

FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP ON OUR WEBSITE:
www.nextthing.education

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2024

What else is on?

- Light Up Cards
- Magical Minecraft
- Ingenious Inventions
- Comet Crackers
- Festive Filming

Different activity theme each day, please check our website for your camp activities.

What to bring ...

- Packed Lunch and Snacks
- Water Bottle
- Medication
- Weather Appropriate Clothing

HOW TO BOOK

- SCAN THE QR CODE
- FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP
- GET £5 OFF WITH CODE BELOW

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The BEST camp around!
"My daughter is fully inspired and won't stop talking about the amazing time she had! The staff were experienced, welcoming and encouraging"

★★★★★

www.nextthing.education
E: info@nextthing.education
T: 01442 873150

STAY TRUE TO YOU

Free online training sessions
for parents, carers and wider family
or community members

Tuesday 12 November, 6.30pm–8.30pm (online) → [register in advance](#)
Thursday 21 November, 6.30pm–8.30pm (online) → [register in advance](#)

Course content:

Everyone is worried about the levels of violence in our community, particularly knife crime involving young people.

The Stay True to You campaign aims to prevent violence by taking a positive approach to supporting young people to help them build confidence and make the right decisions.

Open to all parents, carers and wider family members, these sessions are an opportunity to better understand the facts, including:

- Risk factors to crime and violence
- Exploitation and county drug lines
- Online harm
- How fear drives weapon carrying
- Legal consequences
- How to have those difficult conversations and create trusted relationships
- Sources of help and support

Tuesday 12 November

6.30pm–8.30pm (online)

Register in advance at bit.ly/stty-12nov2024

Thursday 21 November

6.30pm–8.30pm (online)

Register in advance at bit.ly/stty-21nov2024

Or visit the training page on the website:
staytrueto-you.co.uk/upcoming-training-dates-parents/

Contact

info@staytrueto-you.co.uk



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Saturday 11th January, 2.30 - 7.00 pm

Open to Current Years 2, 3 & 4 boys

Rehearse with the Cathedral Choir, perform at Evensong & experience life at CCCS. Cathedral Chorister school fees are subsidised with additional bursary support available.

Sign up: cccs.org.uk/beachorister

Email: registrar@cccs.org.uk



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Join us for a fun family-friendly event
at the Oxford Covered Market



All About the Moon

Enter the VR
competition
for a chance to win an
Astronaut Experience
for 2!

FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2024

17:00-19:30

Tickets at www.spacestore.co/covered-market-moon-event-2024/



Hosted by: **SPACE /STORE**  DEPARTMENT OF **PHYSICS** & The Market Tap
and Gulp Fiction

The Best of Botley!
Celebrating community action
in Botley and North Hinksey

Do you know someone who's doing something great in our community?

The Best of Botley is a celebration of action by people and groups, in and around Botley and North Hinksey, who are working to improve quality of life and wellbeing in the neighbourhood.

Anyone can nominate people and groups they think deserves recognition. There are 8 categories:

- 1 Young volunteer of the year
- 2 Retired volunteer of the year
- 3 Business supporting the community
- 4 Arts group
- 5 Conservation / environment group
- 6 Sports group
- 7 Long-term volunteer of the year
- 8 Community Group of the year

Get a nomination form from Botley Library, from shops in West Way that are displaying a poster, or download one from: botleynorthhinksey-pc.gov.uk

Information on how to nominate someone is on the form. Winners will receive a 'Best of Botley' certificate at an awards party on Sunday December 15th

All entries must be received by Nov. 25th



Best of Botley is being organised by
Botley & North Hinksey
Parish Council

