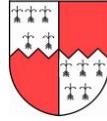


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High Sheriff's Awards

I am delighted to report that an ex-governor, Tom Arnold, recently nominated the school for a High Sheriff's Award. Tracy Gardiner and Lily Moss went to receive the award at a ceremony on 4th November 2021 at County Hall in Oxford. The school received the award 'in recognition of great and valuable service to Oxfordshire's community during the pandemic'. We are of course extremely proud to be receiving such a prestigious award and to be recognised for all that we have done and all that we continue to do during the pandemic.



Children in Need

The annual Children in Need event is on Friday 19th November. Holly Class are busy preparing the events! Pupils will be taking part in a sponsored run for Children in Need on Friday 19th November. All pupils should have received a sponsorship form to take home, so we would be grateful if you could gather as many sponsors as you can. Lower School will be completing half a mile and Upper School will be running a whole mile. The theme for the day is 'Yellow' so the pupils can wear non-uniform if they wish to, including something yellow. There is no obligation to do this though. There will also be a Just Giving page set up if you would like to donate online instead.

Christmas

You will be pleased to know that we are starting to think about arrangements for Christmas and what that might look like this year. Please be assured that it is business as usual for a very long time yet because we know how distracting Christmas time can be for our pupils!



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This year, we are hoping to invite parents into school for small class-based events. Unfortunately, we would need to restrict numbers to one member of each child's family only. A decision on whether the events will be remote or in person will be taken nearer the time.

In the meantime, please add the following dates to your diaries, times and more details to follow:

Maple/Beech - Monday 6th December - pm
Cedar/Hazel/Ash - Tuesday 7th December - am

Willow/Pine/Rowan - Wednesday 8th December - pm
Chestnut/Holly – Tuesday 14th December - am

There are also various trips and visits being arranged for some classes; you will be informed of any separate arrangements for your child nearer the time.

The date for Christmas Dinner in school is Wednesday 15th December 2021.

Friends of Fitzwaryn are funding a class-based Christmas party which will be held in the afternoon of Thursday 16th December. Lots of fun to be had by all!

Friends of Fitzwaryn meeting

The next meeting of the Friends of Fitzwaryn committee will be held via Zoom on Thursday 11th November at 9.30am. The committee will be discussing some fabulous fundraising ideas! Please let the school office know if you are interested in joining the meeting. All welcome!

Staffing and Recruitment

I am delighted to say that we have been able to recruit some new staff to join the amazing team here. However, there are several support staff leaving us over the course of the next few weeks, so we are still looking for additional staff. If you know of anyone who would be interested in working with us on a casual basis, or on a more permanent part time or full-time basis, please could you alert them to the advert on our website?

<https://www.fitzwaryn.oxon.sch.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=21>

Please feel free to share the information within your own networks and on social media.

As you can imagine, COVID is still having an impact on staff and pupils alike and we are facing daily challenges; once again, thank you for your support, patience and understanding during this very difficult time. We are experiencing some staff shortages and wanted to warn you that we may have to close classes at short notice as a result. We appreciate how disruptive this can be for families and will aim to keep any closures to a minimum.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher