

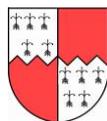
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Dear Parents and Carers

On behalf of all our staff, thank you so very much for your kind gifts and messages in the run up to the holidays, whilst our staff do not expect gifts, your generosity is much appreciated.

I hope that you all enjoyed opening your gifts that the pupils chose very carefully from Present Palace. The pupils had a wonderful time browsing the stalls ably assisted by the students in the Student Centre.

It has been so uplifting to see the pupils back in school this week. I have had such a lovely time walking around seeing lots of smiling faces and hearing about their Christmas and New Year breaks.

The teachers have been working hard with their planning and I know that they have some great things in store for the coming terms! Your child's class teacher will be writing to you in the next week outlining what is in store.

I am delighted to say that we have had some new staff start with us this week who have already settled in well. We have also had a new pupil start with us in Ash Class. We welcome them all and hope that they are all very happy with us.

The sixth form have been working on a project for some time now – following a very generous donation to the school we decided to purchase some outdoor gym equipment to continue the work we are doing on health and well-being and the benefits of learning outdoors! The sixth form worked hard with our Chief Operations Officer, Tracey Stratton on researching the best equipment; you can find their account of their work on the website <https://www.fitzwaryn.oxon.sch.uk/blog/?pid=3&nid=3&page=2>

Thanks to their fantastic work we now have some fabulous outdoor gym equipment installed. The students were keen to try it out this week even in the cold weather! We will be holding an event inviting our sponsors into school to try our equipment out as soon as it is safer to do so.



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At the end of September, the Student Centre organised a wonderful coffee morning with all proceeds going to Macmillan Cancer charity. Just before Christmas we received a thank you from the charity for raising a whopping £730.52!! Congratulations to the students for organising such a successful event and thank you to everyone who came to support the event and/or donated.

Children in Need was also a roaring success – this time it was Holly Class who organised the wonderful event. This year's total was a truly amazing £1094.60!! Again, thank you for your support with this fundraising initiative making it such a successful event.

Thanks again to you for your generosity, this time supporting the Friends of Fitzwaryn events around Christmas time. Members of the committee braved the weather to man stalls at Didcot Street Fair and Blewbury village market. The total raised was in the region of £227.00. A big thank you to all who supported. I know that Friends of Fitzwaryn have some other events in the pipeline and they will be writing to you very soon to save some dates!

A lovely time was had by all in the run up to Christmas – here are Hazel Class having fun on Christmas Dinner Day and at their Christmas party! Santa and his helper delivered a lovely new game that the pupils and staff had great fun playing!



On their return to school, Cedar Class had great fun exploring the ice and frost on Wednesday. They wrote/drew in the frost and had fun smashing and melting the ice! Brrrr!

As always, please do not hesitate to ask if you have any queries.

With best wishes

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Headteacher