



### Converting to join the Gallery Trust

- Unfortunately our conversion date of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019 has had to be deferred, due to the leases not being finalised in time to meet the required deadlines.
- We are now looking at a conversion date of 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020. We will keep you updated on this.

### Staffing and Pupil Updates

- We have just said goodbye to Emma Catton, one of our Speech and Language Therapists[SaLT]. We are fortunate to have an immediate replacement and welcome Charlotte Bryce who previously worked in the school as a SaLT Assistant prior to qualifying.
- We held TA interviews at the beginning of October and are pleased that Debbie Lewin and Sharon Butcher have permanent contracts and we welcome Stacey Ealey as a new permanent TA who will start after half term.
- We have said goodbye to Hugo, one of our pupils who has moved to a different school. We wish him and his family the best for the future.
- We are saying goodbye to teacher Louise at half term as she moves to Abingdon and Witney College. We are in the process of teacher recruitment.

### Attachments

- Zigzag session flyer
- Yoga
- Co-opted Governor Information and Form

## Co-opted Governors Needed

As you know we have several vacancies for some Co-opted Governors and have not yet been able to recruit any new Governors.

To advertise these positions more widely we would like to include some information in any village or town magazines / newsletters within West Oxfordshire.

Please let Emma Lawley know if you receive a local magazine and who to send information to or send in a copy of the magazine. Your help is much appreciated as we really want to fill the vacancies to support all Governors and the work of the school.

Attached is another letter with more information. Please consider if there is anyone you know who might like to be a Governor.

### Coffee Morning

We are having a coffee, tea and cake morning for parents and carers on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 9.00 – 11.00a.m. This is for all parents / carers to meet up for a chat at our primary site.



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October 2019

## Harvest Collection Bronze Barrow Primary Site

Traditionally we organise a collection of some sort for Harvest to support different charities and good causes. This year we will be collecting donations for Witney Food Bank. If you would like to donate any items please send them to school before we finish for half term.

The Food Bank have sent this message:  
*Many thanks for thinking of the Foodbank for your harvest.*

*All tinned or packaged food with an in date / best before date are welcomed in the Foodbank. We also welcome toiletries, household products and pet food. Due to lack of adequate storage facilities we are sadly unable to accept any fresh products.*

*Products we have recently been short of are tinned fish and meat, tinned fruit, custard and rice pudding, tinned potatoes and instant mash, long life juice and squash. We have also been low on shampoo and shower gel.*

*Since the introduction of universal credit, referrals to the food bank have tripled. From April 1st this year until 30th September we filled 502 parcels supporting 1311 adults and children. We are anticipating a further roll out of universal credit which will significantly increase the referrals to the Foodbank.*

## Volunteers and Lunchtime Support

Do you know anyone who would be interested in doing some volunteering at Springfield or supporting the classes over lunchtime?

We really need some additional support and more people that we can use as casual staff to cover some staff absences.

We rely so much on our amazing volunteers to enable us to try and complete some activities such as swimming. Unfortunately the pupils are not always swimming as regularly as we would like them to as we need more support in the water.

Attached to this newsletter is the form to be completed for volunteers. Please be aware that we have to follow all safeguarding procedures so once the completed form is returned, we then have to receive the references before we apply for the DBS [Disclosure and Barring Service] certificate.

It can be frustrating that the system can take a couple of months before a new volunteer can start at school but it really is worth it in the end!



## Speed Limit

Just a reminder for those of you who use the Bronze Barrow car park that there is a one way system and the speed limit is 5 mph at all times.

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### Dates for your



- **Wednesday 23d October 2019** – School Photos
- **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019** – Break up for half term holiday at usual time
- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019** – Training Day for staff – both sites closed for all pupils
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019** – Coffee Morning for all parents and carers - 9.00a.m. to 11.00a.m. at the Bronze Barrow
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019** - we will be supporting Children In Need – more details to follow
- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019** - Parents and Carers Evening
- **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 1.30pm** – Springfield whole school Christmas Performance [both BB and WG pupils].
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019** – break up for Christmas Holidays. Secondary site at 1.00pm and Primary site at 1.15pm.
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020** – first day back at school for all pupils.

#### Out of School Activities

Carol Willoughby is taking on a couple of the roles that Gwen Taylor used to do regarding information about clubs and activities outside of school. We are also looking at starting the music after school clubs again and will let you know any information regarding this.

#### Barnardos

Please do check out the social media for Barnardos to get an idea of the activities they do in the holidays and at the After School Club.

Via Facebook it is 'Star Breaks Oxfordshire' and on Twitter it is '@shortbreaksoxon'.

If you would like to know more then contact Holly Hackston – [holly.hackston@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:holly.hackston@barnardos.org.uk)



Respect

**The Value for this half  
of the term is Respect**

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