



St John's Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all those who were able to come to our Open Afternoon at the end of last term as we celebrated all of the amazing work the children had done during Art week. It was great to read so many positive comments in the visitors' book at the end of the event, thank you. I really enjoyed meeting so many of you too, throughout the term.

This term we will continue our focus on water and our planet with our '**Extreme Earth**' topic. We will carry on learning about aspects of India and Hinduism, alongside a study of natural disasters and weather. Accompanying this letter is a detailed Topic Map which shows which aspects of the curriculum will be addressed within this exciting topic.

Please help the children to remember the appropriate kit they need for each session. For PE, the children should have, in a PE bag, the following items; a plain white t-shirt, a pair of blue or black shorts, a pair of blue, grey or black joggers, a blue, black or grey sweatshirt, and a pair of sports trainers (not Converse type shoes please!) Children with earrings will need to remove them independently for all PE sessions – a little container to keep them in would be useful on PE days! **Please ensure your child brings their P.E. kit to school on a Monday and takes it home on a Friday.**

Camerados Project

In the lead up to Christmas this year, we hope that the children in Years 5 and 6 will, as part of their PSHE learning, take part in a project to collect together items to make up Christmas gift boxes. These boxes will be given to people who may experience loneliness over the Christmas period. More details to follow later in the term.

Class Dojo

There are a handful of Year 5 parents who haven't yet signed up to Class Dojo. I regularly share information on Dojo about what we have been learning about, as well as reminders of events and equipment needed to help the children be prepared for all lessons. If you haven't already joined the class page, please do so. It is there as a tool to help everyone, as well as enable you to see how your child is doing in class in terms of behaviour etc... If you have any problems logging on, please let me know and I will print the codes and instructions you need.

Helping Out in Year 5

We really welcome any offers of help to support our learning in Year 5; specifically, we would really like parent helpers to listen to children read and occasional help when we go out on local trips. Reading does not have to be on a regular basis and any help is gratefully received! Please come and speak to one of us if you can help – we will really appreciate it!

Term 2 Y5 dates:

Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th November – Parents' evenings
Tuesday 19th December – Christmas Service at St. Mary's Church

Please do not hesitate to come and talk to us if you have any questions or concerns or to send us an email via the office email account – office.2567@st-johns.oxon.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Colbourne and Mrs Brotherton

