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Dear Parents,

Forest School Work

On Thursday this week, Terry King from the Environment Agency came into school with a band of volunteers to spend a day working on the school's forest area. They worked extraordinarily hard all day, repairing the old derelict pond, chopping out the dead wood, cutting back some of the overgrown bushes and clearing the site. They have done an amazing job. Their work, together with a generous donation from the PTA to pay for the materials, has made the area look fantastic. The revitalized Forest School will really enhance the work that Helen Stockford and her group of Forest School volunteers will be able to do. We are so lucky to have such a team of dedicated 'Outdoor' teachers and now equally lucky to have a wonderful space for them to work with. All the children will be doing Forest School over the coming year and I know they'll have a wonderful time.

Harvest Service

The children will be enjoying a Harvest service at St. Michaels' Church next Friday from around 9.30am. The theme this year will be "Sharing the Harvest". The children are asked to bring in a donation of food gifts (dried packets or tins) for the service which will then be donated to the Oxford Homeless Shelter. Please can the children take items to the classroom, so that they can then carry them across to the church. Parents and friends are very welcome to attend too.

Cross Country

Very well done to our Cross Country team who ran brilliantly in the partnership event this week. A special well done to Sam Kerby who came third!

Books Donated:

Thank you for all your kind donations of books for the school library, we will let you know in future if we require any more.

Mobile Library:

The children enjoyed a visit from the mobile library this week. They will be visiting again on Wednesday 21st October and Wednesday 25th November, there will be no visit in December. Library books can be returned to any library.

From your PTA:

Next Friday 2nd Oct we will be having a second hand uniform sale. If you have any old uniform you wish to donate please bring it to school and leave it in the office before next Friday. We will be set up from 3pm on Friday, everything will be £1.

Also we are having a movie night on Friday 16th October. The evening will start with a movie for KS1, followed by a movie for KS2. Exact times and film titles to follow shortly.

In the next week an outside bin from RagBag will arrive where we can recycle our old clothes and shoes. There will be clear signs posted on the bin to let you know what can and cannot be recycled with this company. All monies raised will go to the school.

What has my child been doing this week?

Reception	Learning a new story, making masks and playing describing shape games.
Year 1	Caption writing, conker dance and our first forest school.
Year 2	Making pumpkin soup, following instructions and keep fit circuits.
Year 3	Subtracting large numbers, Tag rugby and weaving.
Year 4	Column addition, Tag rugby and Stone Age workshop.
Year 5	Learning about rainforests, multiplication and basketball skills.
Year 6	Improving problem solving strategies with larger numbers. Researching in RE: The Hajj and news events.

Next Week:

29 th September	All day	Year 5 visit to The Living Rainforest.
1 st October	2.30pm	Year 6 parents / children residential meeting.
2 nd October	9.30am	Harvest service at church.
2 nd October	3.00pm	Second hand school uniform sale.

Have a good weekend

Yours sincerely,



Mr Ed Read