

Dear parents and carers,

## Notices

### Extreme Weather Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February

As you will be aware there is an extreme weather warning for Chipping Norton for Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February. Please look on the ACE Centre website before setting out on Friday morning to check that we are open. We will need to make a judgement early on Friday morning as to whether the site is safe to access. We will also advise OCC and the radio stations if the winds are as bad as the forecast is indicating they may be and we therefore judge it too risky to open.

### Maps after half term



For the week after half term we are thinking about map making, planning routes and exploring the town we live in. Whilst we are busy doing this at school, we invite you to join in at home with the project "Mapping Chippy", designed by Alex, Jenn and Ruth, facilitators of the Chippy Exchange. You can plot all the things that you and your children love about Chippy, in any way you choose. The drop off or send your finished work by April 22<sup>nd</sup>. See the green leaflet in your pack for details. We shall hand out the packs for joining in with this after half term.

## Wheelbarrows for 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022



Please could you help us by lending your wheelbarrow to the nursery school for Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March. We have a group of volunteers coming from Kingham Hill School to help us move the four tonnes of sand, currently in the car park, up to the sandpit!

## First Dig Day

If you are able to stay and volunteer for a couple of hours on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March as well, to help clean up the garden for Spring, that would be fantastic. Clearing leaves, digging beds, cleaning and clearing, and preparing the garden for springtime learning.



## Carparking



Please remember that unless you have pre-arranged parking permission, no one should be parking in the staff carpark. It is particularly important that you do not park outside the school gates on the private spaces at the back of the houses on Fox Close. This is a very important issue for our neighbours and we ask you to respect this.

## Recent Learning at Nursery School Model making – vehicles



The question is how to make a vehicle?

A first thought might be:  
“The most important thing is the wheels.”

Let’s do the wheels.  
There.



The next step may be some questions.



How many wheels does a vehicle need to have?

How can I stick them on?

Where do I need to stick them on?

Let’s take our enquiry onto the next level. How do wheels turn?

What is the mechanism? Can you show me?  
What do I need?

We looked at axles and how they are



attached to the wheels.

Outside we made vehicles on a larger scale.





## Yoga

While red group were outside cooking their popcorn, the children inside had a yoga session. They watched a yoga video and copied the actions. Jenny helped lead the movements. Combining movements and breathing calmed and focused minds.



## Forest School



All the children have really enjoyed making popcorn on the fire. We learnt about fire safety and practiced getting up to walk around the outside of the circle. We all are word perfect on our poetry basket poem

“Popcorn”. We discovered that we just needed to recite the

poem three times and that was exactly the right length of time for the popcorn to cook!







Fires and flames made us think of triangles. The flame is hottest at the pointy top. We discussed the properties of 2D shapes as we sat by the fire.



We hope you all have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing you again on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.