



8th July 2011

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

It's the annual **Wood Farm Festival this evening at the school, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm**. Please do come along: there will be the usual fantastic range of stalls, activities and one or two performances, and this year the festival's theme is celebrating the young people of Wood Farm. We are hoping that the weather will be dry by this evening, but in the event of rain we will be inside the hall and old school building. Admission is 20p per child and 50p for adults with programmes on sale at the entrance – all of the money raised goes to community organisations, including of course the school.

Annual reports

Your child will be bringing home his or her annual report next week. Because we held our second set of meetings for parents and carers earlier in the school year we won't be having formal meetings with teachers this term (we have found it much more helpful for parents, carers and teachers to be able to talk about children's learning mid-way through the year, rather than this close to the summer). **If, however, you would like to talk through your child's report with his or her teacher you are very welcome to do that: please make an after school appointment with your child's teacher, or contact the school office to arrange a suitable time.**

Congratulations to the children in drama club, who put on a fantastic performance for parents, carers and the school based on the musical 'Wicked' yesterday. We were all spellbound by the quality of the children's acting and singing – we definitely have some future stars in Wood Farm School! Thanks to the all of the staff who volunteered their time with drama club after school, especially Miss Vincent, Mrs Forth, and Miss Hunt.

Well done also to all of the children and school staff who represented us so well at the **Cowley Road Carnival** last weekend – I know that many of you will have seen the coverage in the Oxford Mail this week. This was also the result of lots of after school preparation by the carnival club children – thanks to Mrs Shama who put in a lot of time with the club to help and also to Miss Barton who helped organise things on the day. We were also featured in the Oxford Mail last week, for our entry to Oxford in Bloom. We are keen to develop the children's gardening and growing skills next year – please let us know if you think you could help!

Well done to the children in Year 2 who took part in the partnership concert at the Music Centre, Bayards Hill this week – next week some children from Year 3 will also have the chance to take part in a similar partnership event.

Finally a request about uniform: even though there are only a few weeks to go before the end of term we still require all children to wear school uniform every day. Please make sure that your child is properly dressed for school each morning – we will be issuing reminders to parents and carers who come to school more than once or twice in non-uniform clothing. I have also noticed that one or two children have suddenly started styling their **hair** into a kind of 'mohican' cut – this really isn't an appropriate hair style for school, so please do keep a check on what your child is doing with his or her hair in the morning!

Some dates for this term:

11 th July	Reports sent home
19 th July	Y6 Leavers' assembly & event
21 st July	Last day of term

Best wishes

From Mr Lewin and everyone at Wood Farm School



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News from the Headington Schools' Partnership

ALICE'S DAY Saturday 9 July 10am-6pm a brillig day out

Alice in Wonderland themed activities at venues all around the city* and on the street : Mad Hatters' teas, Jabberwocky antics, Snark Hunt geocache (treasure hunt with a difference) , film and theatre, storytelling, exhibitions, live music, arts and craft... and real rabbits! see www.storymuseum.org.uk/alice for full details and a map you can print out

* [Alice Shop](#), [Ashmolean Museum](#), [Blackwell Bookshop](#), [Bodleian Library](#), [Botanic Gardens](#), [Millets Farm](#), [Museum of the History of Science](#), [Museum of Oxford](#), [Natural History Museum](#), [Oxford Castle](#), [Binsey](#) village, [Story Museum](#), [Science Oxford](#), [Tourist Information Centre](#) – walks and talks , [Waterstones](#)

PLANNING FOR THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY

DANCE – URBAN & STREET MASTER CLASSES & ART

at Pegasus Theatre Magdalen Road OX4 1RE

Monday 8 – Thursday 11 August

morning and afternoon sessions for different age groups £1 per session phone Angharad Phillips for information on 01865 812 167

SUMMER DANCIN' 2011 at Oxford Town Hall – St Aldate's

An ultimate dance experience for young people! have fun, get active, be creative...

Week 1 = 25-29 July CONTEMPORARY dance week led by Joelle Pappas (Director of Tac-au-Tac Dance Theatre) Week 2 = 30 Aug – 2 Sept URBAN RHYTHMS dance week led by Hannah De Cancho (Artistic Director of Sole Rebel Tap) **NB:** There will be an informal performance / sharing for family & friends during each of the Friday sessions.

To book – In person at Town Hall Reception, St Aldate's, Oxford OX1 1BX www.oxfordtownhall.co.uk / 01865 252351

For further details, contact Claire Thompson – cthompson@oxford.gov.uk 01865 252820 www.dancinoxford.co.uk.



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