



NEWSLETTER 14 – 10th DECEMBER 2021

A quote: "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into the giving"

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday the opening of the **Christmas Tree festival** was wonderful – the choir and orchestra performed superbly, and it was so fabulous to be part of a community event like that. Well Done to the children who participated and Thank you to Mrs MacLean and Mrs Battle for supporting the choir and orchestra – even by their own admission, if you had heard the orchestra in September you would have been amazed at their performance on Friday! All the trees looked amazing but one definitely shone that little bit more! And clearly lots of people thought so too as we came away as one of the winners in the Christmas Tree festival. This year, the Early Years Team and children decorated the tree with natural decorations following their weekly forest school adventures. A massive well done to all the children involved in making it and the team for pulling it altogether. The tree is now in the entrance hall and a picture is attached today for you to see too! Also on Friday, we had our **PTFA mini Christmas Bazaar** outside – there was a great flurry of purchasing and all was very successful. Please see the PTFA update for more details but I would like to thank all the volunteers for their hard work in pulling it off as well as all of you who came along and participated. The Christmas feel certainly continued this week with a number of **nativity performances** taking place. Both EYFS and KS1 carried out their dress rehearsal to the opposing phase as well as siblings joining from ks2. We then had two fabulous performances to parents from each phase that have been truly magical and were wonderful to see – amazing singing, lines learnt, great acting and dancing as well as lots of smiles. A massive well done to all the children, particularly those who had to stand in at the last minute and a huge thank you to staff who juggled the many strands of pulling such a show together and did so marvellously. We concluded our work on the **value of Trust** this week, reasoning about why we might not trust someone as well as lighting the 2nd Advent candle with Rev Liz and thinking about its significance. Year 3 and 4 visited Warriner on Thursday for a **Dodgeball festival** – a short recount is overleaf! **Next week** we continue with the Christmas theme, children all have a Christmas party in their phase, we have Fresh Start's Christmas Lunch, we have the Santa Fun Run taking place, the KS2 Christingle Service as well as a special visitor!

I hope you all have a great weekend,

Mrs Smith, Headteacher

Lost Property - This has all been sorted with many unnamed items. All named and distinctive clothing items from the schools lost property will be placed under the bike sheds, for parents to look through.

Staff Update: Mrs Siviter, School Business Manager is leaving us at Christmas, as well as Mrs Gilbert, KS1 Teaching Assistant. We have appointed Mrs A Dyer as a new TA in KS1 although we are still looking for additional support staff in KS1 as well as a Front of house Receptionist and a Handy Person.

Diary Week: 13th December

Don't forget Reading Challenges are to be returned on Monday!

Mon **Flu Immunisation**
KS2 watch the Nutcracker

Tues **EYFS Party- pm**

Wed KS1 Party - pm
6pm KS2 Christingle Service at St Marys Church

Thurs **Fresh Start Christmas Lunch**
LKS2 Party - pm

Fri 9.30am KS2 Church Service
10.15am KS1/EYFS Church Service
UKS2 Party - pm
Last day of Term

Plea! If you have any **spare swimming clothes**, we would be grateful for these as spares please. Also, we are setting up Lego therapy and would appreciate any donations of unwanted **Lego**. Thank you.

We have 3 job vacancies currently in the school:

Handy person/caretaker role – 12-15 flexible hours p/w - asap
Front of House Administrator - 35 hours p/week needed for Jan 22
Teaching Assistant – 4 days a week needed for Jan 22
Please look for details on the website – Our School, Vacancies

NO NUT PRODUCTS IN SCHOOL Please could you ensure that no items that contain nuts are sent into school due to the fact we have children with serious nut allergies – this includes peanut butter, nuts as a snack and some breads may contain nuts too.

Attendance: 83.3%

Growth Mindset Certificates:

Owls	Kitty H & Ella B for super singing and dancing during our Christmas performance
Puffins	Enzo A for stepping up to fill a new role in our nativity and performing wonderfully Lilly F for stepping in at the very last minute to play the role of donkey and doing a super job
Penguins	Harley T for working incredibly hard on a Christmas number matching activity this week. Jacob L for putting lots of effort into his role as the dog in the Christmas Nativity play.
Flamingos	Iris F for being all three dragons this week giving her best in all she has done, especially in the Nativity performance. Whole Class for trying their best to learn their lines and songs and for being extremely brave during the performance. WELL DONE!
Peacocks	Eve D for always tackling her work with courage and determination- in class and in our performances. Noah H for showing great courage, to share his great ideas and record these independently.
Woodpeckers	Oliver D-K for being a great team leader and a good role model this week Trixie H for being a superstar in the production and carrying on despite being nervous! James H-H for connecting learning from different subjects
Hummingbirds	Liam W and Daniel H for having a positive, determined attitude when returning to class.
Parrots	Isaac Q for a super attitude to the Dodgeball festival showing the progress he has made. He showed all three dragon characteristics yesterday as well as showing great sportsmanship. Flossy C for continuing to work really hard at home whilst isolating and handing in work every day.
Toucans	Jude J for sharing ideas in every lesson this week and giving his times tables his best effort! Simon L for demonstrating brilliant reasoning in his online learning and working hard whilst at home
Hérons	Jenny P for doing a great job with her English work this week and participating well in class Freddie C for really impressing me with your participation and enthusiasm this week particularly in Maths
Kingfishers	Agatha F for being inspired with her writing using fantastic vocabulary and trying hard with dialogue. Jack J for some excellent work this week on fractions. Showing a great understanding of equivalent fractions.

Headteacher Value Awards – Michael HW, Leo P, Rafe H, Elena F, Jacob N

[Online #Wakeupwednesday-](#) This is an information page produced by National Online Safety about key reminders for parents relating to online safety. **This weeks theme: Fake News**

[SEN Parent Forum](#) - Further to this fabulous idea following the SEN parents information evening, we shall hold an SEN parent forum meeting early in January. This will also allow you to meet our new SENCO Mrs Druce.

[Year 3/4 Dodgeball Festival](#) 20 children from Yr 3&4 competed with other schools. We were quite nervous at first but after we did a few games we got into it and started to get better. We all tried very hard and won lots of games enjoying ourselves and having lots of fun. Some children got certificates, but we all did a great job for Christopher Rawlins School.

[Poppy Appeal](#) The school raised an amazing £277.30 for this good cause. Well done and thank you everyone.

[CLASS CHRISTMAS CHARITY](#) Classes have been deciding what charity they would like to support this year. This is instead of giving Christmas Cards to each other. Please see below who each class has chosen:
Aviary (Penguins/Puffins/Owls): Cancer Research and The Stroke Association
Flamingos: RLNI
Peacocks: Banbury Youth Homelessness Project
Woodpeckers: Banbury Youth Homelessness Project
Hummingbirds: Guide Dogs for the Blind
Parrots: Billy's Wish to walk
Toucans: Katherine House Hospice
Hérons: JDRF – type 1 diabetes charity
Kingfishers: WWF – they would like to adopt an animal.
Please send charity donations in a named envelope with your child to their class by **WED 15th DEC**. We will then share the amount raised with you for each class.

Primary School Applications

Parents of children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 (inclusive) need to apply for an infant or primary school place for September 2022.

Key dates for applications:

2 Nov 2021

Applications open.

15 Jan 2022

Closing date for applications.

To apply online please click [here](#)

'Love one another as I have loved you'

John 13:34-35.