



# Newsletter - November 2014



Dear parents,

The summer holiday seems a distant memory now and what a term it has been so far!

Most importantly Mrs Price is well on the road to recovery and has popped in to see everyone. We all wish her well and hope to see her back for the performances and Carol service at the end of term. Thank you to you all: parents, staff and Governors, for your support and encouragement during my 'acting' period.

As always, your generous support of our charity causes is astounding - thank you. From shoes boxes to elephants, we are very grateful for all your contributions and, with Children in Need approaching, we know this will continue. Be assured that despite the Superhero theme, my tights will be staying firmly in the drawer...

The first phase of the Infant playground development is complete with the new play surface and ball game fencing. Next week sees a new climbing area being installed and extra facilities in the Year 1 outdoor area too.

Please pay extra attention to the calendar for the rest of this term; there is a huge amount going on as we approach Christmas and we wouldn't want anyone to miss anything.

Look forward to seeing as many of you as possible during next week's parent consultations.

Yours,

Mr M Tomson  
Acting Head Teacher

This half term the school value is 'Trust'. We will be sharing the following bible passage with the children. John 14:1 (Jesus' words to his disciples)

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.'

Should you wish to suggest any suitable bible passages or stories please send them to Mr Tomson

## Reminders

- All children must have a warm coat in school every day.
- Children will not be allowed on the school bus without a bus tag. If they have a tag on but according to our records, should be attending a Club, then we will send them to the Club.

## Infant Site Playground Works

The first instalment of the lottery-funded works has been completed this week and the children have been able to enjoy their new colourful surfacing and activity zone. Phase 2 will commence on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and this will involve a fitness trail on the field and improvements to the Year 1 outdoor area including a new canopy.

## Parents' Evenings – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014

You should all have received a letter regarding the forthcoming Parents' evenings with a reply slip to request a time slot. These letters were also sent to you by parentmail. Please contact the school office if you have not received this communication and would like to see your child's teacher. You will also be receiving a slip confirming your appointment time.

## Clubs Next Week

Please note that there will be no Tuesday Football Club on 11<sup>th</sup> November due to a match and there will be no Creative Club on 13<sup>th</sup> November due to Parents' Evening. All other clubs will run next week as normal.

## Northbrook Wrap

Thank you to all of you who placed orders from Northbrook Wrap. The orders will be arriving in school early next week and will be available for collection on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Where it is practical, we will send the order home with your child. If you anticipate that your order will be too cumbersome, we ask that you come into school to collect it yourself.

Further orders can be placed on-line and there is currently no P&P charge and a free roll of wrap for each order.

## Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need Day

Infant Site - The children may come to school in mufti in return for a £1 donation. The theme this year is "be your super-hero". This leaves plenty of room for interpretation! Hot lunches from Cygnet will continue as normal.

Junior Site – Please see the attached flyer. There will be no Cygnet lunches on the junior site.

## **Christmas Secret Shop**

Please find attached a letter from the Friends4CaDS committee about the ever-popular Christmas Secret Shop. For those of us who are new to CDS, this is an opportunity for your children to do their Christmas shopping for their family in secret. The children find the whole experience extremely exciting but it does rely on your kind and generous donations. There is a collection basket in reception on both sites.

## **Hot Meals Provision**

As from January 2015 we will be sourcing our hot meals from Haddenham St'Mary's brand new kitchen. The meals will be cooked on their site each morning, using locally sourced produce wherever possible. The head from St'Mary's will be coming to the junior site on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm to give a presentation to parents. There will be an opportunity to see sample menus and to ask questions. More information about how the new service will run will be available on/after that evening. All parents are welcome to attend.

## **Infant site Library**

We have been lucky enough to receive a generous donation from the Friends4CADS which has enabled us to proceed with the refurbishment of the infant site library area. The school council on the infant site has been enthusiastically involved in giving their ideas, choosing colours and designs. By the end of November, we will be the proud owners of a fantastic new library complete with reading snug, brightly coloured beanbag seating, a small group working area and lots of smart bookshelves.

## **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Uniform Sale**

Friends4CaDS will be running a second-hand uniform sale from 10-11.30am on the junior site. Please bring donations to school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal**

A big Thank you to everyone who has brought in a shoe box gift. We have collected 63 in total and they have been taken to the local hub in Long Crendon from where a huge lorry will take them off across Europe in time for Christmas. Thank you too for the all the additional items such as knitted hats and gloves that have been donated.

## **Pantomime - advanced warning**

We will be taking the children to the Waterside Pantomime on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December. We will be asking for a voluntary contribution of £10 per child to cover the cost of the theatre ticket. The coaches will be paid for by the Friends4CADs.

## **Voice in a Million**

On 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015 our school choir will be performing at Wembley Arena along with

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thousands of other singers from schools around the country. Mrs Baker and the choir are already busy learning the songs and it promises to be a brilliant night. Tickets are available through the school as a one-off or on-line at [www.voiceinamillion.com](http://www.voiceinamillion.com). The cost is £22 per ticket.

If you would like to order tickets through the school, please send in a cheque in a sealed envelope marked with your name and "VIAM ticket request". The deadline for tickets through the school is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November. After that date, you will need to order your tickets through the VIAM website.

### **Dates for your diary**

- 10.11.14 1.30pm Selected Foundation children to HASSP event at Haddenham Infant School
- 11.11.14 Parents' Evening – Infant site early, Junior site late
- 13.11.14 Parents' Evening – Junior site early, Infant site late
- 13.11.14 Group 2 Y3/4 children to Nether Winchendon Church for Tomb Restoration project
- 14.11.14 Children in Need Day – come dressed as your hero
- 19.11.14 7pm Hot Lunches meeting on the junior site
- 20.11.14 Group 3 Y3/4 children to Nether Winchendon Church for Tomb Restoration project
- 27.11.14 Group 4 Y3/4 children to Nether Winchendon Church for Tomb Restoration project
- 28.11.14 1.30pm Open Afternoon on infant site for prospective September 2015 Foundation parents
- 28.11.14 Christmas Disco
- 29.11.14 Second-hand Uniform Sale on the junior site 10-11.30am
- 9.12.14 Infants Nativity – PM
- 10.12.14 Infants Nativity – AM
- 16.12.14 Whole School Christmas Assembly (no parents – sorry)
- 17.12.14 Junior Carol Service 7pm
- 18.12.14 Whole School to Waterside pantomime, No hot meals, please bring a packed lunch
- 19.12.14 Break Up for Christmas holiday
- 5.1.15 Inset Day
- 6.1.15 Children return to school