

Dear parents,

December already - time flies when you are having fun!

The squeals of excitement from the school disco have just about died down in my ears but still in great awe at the gentleman who kept the children entertained so well under such loud conditions... Thanks to F4CADS for all their organisation and to those parents who volunteered on the night with glow sticks, snacks and hamper construction. Congratulations to our hamper winners!

We have been inundated with visitors this past month; local author Tim Bradley inspiring the children with his new book, an NSPCC workshop raising awareness amongst our older pupils and Young Film Makers making such a stir that we have organised a second weekly club on the Junior site for next term.

One of my personal highlights has to be seeing the children's beaming faces after the installation of the new Infant site library, not to mention having to pull Mrs Place down off the ceiling due to excitement! Again, we are so grateful to F4CADS for their hard work and for the generosity of our parents, without which projects like this would not be possible.

Only two weeks left until the end of term and still so much to happen - I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible as the Infant Nativity performances and the Junior Carol Service. Christmas parties and seasonal fish & chips are not far away and then we will all be able to have a well deserved, and preferably healthy, rest!

Mrs Price's guest appearances this week have reassured us all that she is indeed recovering incredibly well and that all will be back to normal in the New Year. Can I take this opportunity to thank all the children, parents and staff for their support and encouragement during this term, whilst in my Acting role; it really has made such a difference.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**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 for the future, please send them to Mr Tomson

## **Good News**

We are very pleased to be able to tell you that Mrs Place has successfully completed her degree course and has been awarded BA Hons 2:1 in Early Years. We are very proud of her and I am sure you would like to join us in sending huge congratulations.

## **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.

## **Clubs**

This is a reminder that all clubs with the exception of the Infant site Multi-Sports Club (Tuesdays after school) will finish next week. The Multi-Sports will finish on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. There will be no other clubs in the week beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Poppy Appeal**

We have received a letter of thanks from Mrs Schram de Jong who coordinates the poppy Appeal in our area. The two sites raised a total of £272.45.

## **Message from St Nicholas' Church - Christingle Service**

You are invited to St Nicholas Church, Cuddington at 3pm this Sunday for the Christingle Service. It's a lovely way to start off the Christmas season and of course there will be a (sweetie) decorated orange for every child, to help remind us that Jesus is coming. Tea, coffee and cake will be served after the service.

## **Thank you to Hartwell Nursery**

A big Thank you to Hartwell Nursery who have kindly donated our two lovely Christmas trees. Please visit the nursery to see their range of Christmas trees, wreaths and plants.

## **Christmas Secret Shop**

Thank you for all your kind donations to the Christmas Shop. You should have all received an envelope with four tags and instructions for the Shop. If you do not wish your child to participate then please make this clear on the form. We will be unable to lend money to children on the day.

## **Illness and Return to School**

We have had a number of instances recently when children have returned to school after a period of illness with a note asking that they be excused from outdoor PE in view of the cold

weather. It is our school policy that a child who is well enough to be in school, is well enough to participate in all activities including outdoor games. We do not have sufficient staff to monitor children who stay inside while the rest of the class are outdoors with the teacher. Please bear this in mind when deciding whether your child is well enough to be in school.

### **Winter Weather**

Snow (in Scotland!) has now been mentioned on the BBC weather forecast so we thought it is a good time to remind you of our winter weather arrangements. Please note that we will make every effort to keep the school open and will only take the decision to close as a final measure in the safety interests of staff and children. Although many of the pupils live locally and could travel/walk safely to school, many of the staff live further afield. Notification of school closures is posted on the school website, on the Bucks CC website and on Mix 96.

Please also note that if the school is open but you choose to keep your children at home, this will count as an unauthorised absence.

### **Voice in a Million**

On 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015 our school choir will be performing at Wembley Arena along with 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 on-line at [www.voiceinamillion.com](http://www.voiceinamillion.com). The cost is £22 per ticket.

### **Dates for your diary**

- 9.12.14 Infants Nativity – 2 pm St Nicholas' Church (tickets only)
- 10.12.14 Infants Nativity – 10 am, St Nicholas' Church (tickets only)
- 15.12.14 Infant children to sing at the Sunshine Club Christmas Party
- 15.12.14 Years 5 and 6 Ancient Greek Day
- 16.12.14 Whole School Christmas Assembly (no parents)
- 17.12.14 Junior Carol Service 7pm (all welcome)
- 18.12.14 Whole School to Waterside pantomime, **No hot meals, please bring a packed lunch**
- 19.12.14 Infant Christmas Parties, Junior Quiz and Fish and Chip Lunch (details to follow)
- 19.12.14 Break Up for Christmas holiday
- 5.1.15 Inset Day
- 6.1.15 Children return to school

