

## Newsletter – December 2015

Dear parents,

Another term nearly over and what a term! We have a few end of term events where the children are sharing either their work or their acting/singing skills; I'm sure I will see you at one of these events.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to F4CADS who organised a wonderful Christmas fayre (see Mrs Arnott's piece later in the newsletter) and the secret shop - - I do hope you like your Christmas presents!

We have had a flurry of Governor visits this term. They have observed lessons and met with myself, Mr Tomson and the staff to discuss how the school is progressing.

We would like to welcome a new pupil, Lizzie to Year 5. She has appeared to settle very well, thoroughly enjoying the year 5 and 6 catwalk this afternoon.

And finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas. I hope you have the opportunity to spend time with loved ones whilst not forgetting the true meaning of Christmas.

#### **Mrs K Price**

The value for this half-term is Trust. We will be sharing the following bible passage with the children.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.' John 14:1

## **Christmas Fayre**

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas fayre last Friday. I am sure you will agree that it was a very enjoyable evening. We are pleased to be able to tell you that £1,526 was raised at the fayre and a further £400 from the Surprise Shop this week. Please continue to buy Christmas hamper raffle tickets which will be on sale at both the infant nativity services and the junior carol service. Tickets are £5 per strip and you can win one of our amazing hampers of goodies.

Congratulations to Mrs Davies who won the Christmas cake competition - a guess of 4.2kg for an actual weight of 4.25kg!

On behalf of the Friends for Cuddington and Dinton School, I would like to wish you all a very merry and peaceful Christmas.

Lesley Arnott

#### French Provision

After a complication with staffing at the start of the year we are delighted to say that our very own Mrs Chaplin has been providing French lessons for our junior classes and a French Club for our infant children. We have had lots of great feedback since half term and the children are thoroughly enjoying themselves. Mrs Chaplin is an excellent French speaker and her vast experience in schools has come in very handy. Thank you very much to her for stepping up!

#### **Dinton Church Bizarre**

Please find attached, flyers advertising the Dinton Bizarre (yes, this is the correct spelling) and grand Hamper Raffle.

#### **Christmas at St Nicholas**

St Nicholas Church in Cuddington warmly invite you to join them at their Christingle Service this Sunday at 3pm, to their Family Nativity and Gift Service at 10am on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December and to Carols by Candlelight on Christmas Eve at 7pm. Full details of all services can be found in the Village Voice and on the flyers coming home with the children today.

## <u>Tennis Club</u>

Following the success of the club this half-term, JWT (James Woodward Tennis) will be continuing the club in the New Year. Attached you will find a booking form with all the details. Please note that this club is not run by the school but booking forms and payment may be returned to the school office in a sealed, named envelope.

#### Hot Meals

Today your child should be bringing home the booking form for hot meals after Christmas. Please note that there is a strict deadline for the return of forms and payment – 9am on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. We will not be able to accept any forms or payment after this time.

## A Goodbye and a Welcome

Yesterday the junior children bid a rousing farewell to Mrs Zoe Ciortan, one of their two lunch time supervisors. We thank Mrs Ciortan for her hard work, enthusiasm and sense of

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humour and we will miss her greatly.

We are pleased to be able to welcome Mrs Devon Rigozzi to the team in place of Mrs Ciortan.

# Dates for your diary

7/12/15	Nativity Dress Rehearsal – Juniors coming over to watch
8/12/15	Whole School Christmas Assembly (for your information only)
8/12/15	Little Owls Open Session 3pm
9/12/15	Infant Nativity 10am in Cuddington Church
10/12/15	Infant Nativity 1.30pm in Cuddington Church
11/12/15	Deadline at 9am for Hot Lunch Orders
11/12/15	No Claydon Dance Academy today
14/12/15	Sunshine Club Christmas Party
15/12/15	Junior Carol Service in Dinton Church 7pm
17/12/15	Christmas parties
17/12/15	Break Up at 1.15/1.30pm
18/12/15	Inset Day
4/1/16	Inset Day
5/1/16	Return to School
29/1/16	IMPS for Year 6
12/2/16	Break Up for Half Term
22/2/16	Return to School
24/2/16	Year 5 & 6 Faith Tour (information to follow)
24/3/16	Break Up for Easter Holiday 1.15/1.30pm
11/4/16	Inset Day
12/4/16	Return to School
26/5/16	Break Up for Half Term
27/5/16	Inset Day
6/6/15	Return to School
21/7/16	Break Up for Summer Holidays 1.15/1.30pm