



## School Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Christmas activities have definitely started, I caught Miss Roberts playing Christmas songs in Morning Owls!

I have also had glimpses of the Infant Nativity and the Junior children have been very enthusiastic about the carols they have been learning.

Please keep check the diary dates as we are having to make adjustments in line with COVID guidance from County and some unforeseen clashes.

We have had a few visitors into school over the last week:

- Mrs Reading and Mrs Spencer have been to the Junior site to do a learning walk in their role as Governors and were delighted with the engagement of the children. Thank you to Mrs Chaplin, Mrs Bowman and the children.
- PCSO Denise and PCSO Ben came to the Infant site on Wednesday to read to the Infant children a story about the day in the life of a police officer.
- The Senior Leadership team from Long Crendon school came to watch the Infant staff teaching Bug Club phonics
- Toby Long, Diocese advisor, undertook a Collective Worship audit of the school and was more than happy with what we provide. 'Themes for worship are well considered by the Headteacher and include topics such as: Finding your talent, The world around us and Anti-bullying. Staff leading worship skilfully unpack vocabulary that is age-appropriate for the children'. Thank you to Mrs Bowman, Miss Holdford and the children

In addition, year 3&4 had a fantastic time at Science Oxford and can't wait to go back again. I'm not sure who enjoyed it the most - the children or the staff!

It was so lovely to see some new faces at the Junior family Service on Thursday - thank you so much for attending, it means so much to the children.

Mrs Price

#### Guidance on PCR testing and whether to send you child to school

If your child has any COVID symptoms (loss of taste/ smell, new continuous cough, high temperature) then they must not come to school while you are waiting for PCR test results.

If you child has no symptoms of COVID and you are waiting for the results of a PCR test, then your child can come to school. This is applicable when you have been contacted by Track and Trace and advised to take a test OR you have chosen to send you child for a PCR test because somebody close to them has COVID.

#### Poetry Competition Winners

What a difficult task; we had so many entries and it was great fun to read them all. Two children were Highly Commended - Lana and Emma S.

Well done to Lucy R, Emily R, Molly M, Harrison C, Harry C for winning the poetry competition.

#### The laying of the Wreaths on Sunday.

I wanted to share with you the comments from John Scholefield Minister in Long Crendon, Chearsley and Nether Winchendon,

'I would like to extend a huge thank you to the children who came forward yesterday at the War Memorial. All were polite and listened to the instructions from Air Marshal Sue Gray, who led the salute.'

I know that the children who laid the wreaths in Ford and Nether Winchendon did an equally superb job - thank you.

#### Education charity Quest for Learning

Would you like to help your child feel more confident about maths, but don't know how? Education charity Quest for Learning is running an online fun maths session on Saturday 4th December 2021, from 10am - 11am. There will be lots of simple games and activities for you to try at home, which are ideal for children in Years 2, 3 and 4, or for older children who find maths difficult. The event is free but places are limited to 20 families. If you register before 30th November you will receive a free activity pack. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fun-family-maths-online-tickets-205035726377> see attached flyer.

### Christmas Shop

This will now be on the 1<sup>st</sup> December for both sites - am Infants, pm Juniors. Parents pay online, and children will be able to shop for a maximum of 3 gifts. Labels will be sent home on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November. These need to be filled in with the names of the recipients of the gift, returned in a named carrier bag on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, ready for the children's shopping experience!

### Chocolate Tombola

The chocolate mufti day will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Children are allowed to wear their own clothes to school and instead of paying for the privilege, they bring in chocolate for the Christmas Fair Chocolate Tombola. The tombola will now be happening at the fayre and not during the school day, as previously stated.

Please do not send in any chocolates containing nuts, as these will be unusable in school and will be thrown away.

### Infant Nativity Dates

Following recent guidelines from Public Health Bucks, we have decided to do three performances Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December am and pm, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December pm. Each family will be entitled to 3 tickets, and these will be booked online from next week using the school cloud system, an email will be sent separately with booking instruction. Any additional tickets will become available after the closing date, and information will be shared on how to book these on a first come first served basis.

A member of staff will check your name as you come into church, so that we do not over fill the capacity for the building. We would prefer you to wear masks whilst in church.

F4CADs will be providing refreshments on all 3 performances and with previous years, we don't charge for the tickets but ask for contributions to the children's chosen charity.

**Please note** that you will not be able to take any photographs or videos during the performance or at the end. I'm sure you can appreciate that parents crowding to the stage to take photos does not comply with COVID safe guidelines. We have arranged for photographs to be taken (groups and individual) and these will be made available to you. We are exploring the possibility of videoing the performance too.

### **Important Dates -**

22nd November 9.30am Starting School Sept 2022 prospective parents (Open Day)

23rd November 9.05 – 9.30am Infant site Open Session for current pupils

24th November 9.00 – 9.30am Junior site Open Session for current pupils

24th November year 1 Vision Screen School Nursing Team

25th November Infant Family Service

29th November year 5 & 6 to Waddesdon Manor

1st December Christmas Shop Infant site (am) Junior site (pm)

2nd December School service at Dinton church  
3rd December Chocolate mufti  
3rd December Infant Nativity dress rehearsal (pm)  
6th December Infant Nativity Performance (9.30 – 10.30) & (1.30 – 2.30)  
7th December Infant Nativity Performance (1.30 – 2.30)  
8th December School NHS nasal flu vaccinations  
8th December year 6 NHS height & weight assessment (am)  
10th December Christmas Fayre at Junior site (5 – 7.30pm)  
14th December Junior site Carol Service at 6pm  
16th December Christmas jumper Day and Junior quiz  
16th December Infants Christmas party and Santa visit  
17th December Half Day finish 1.15pm Infants, 1.30pm Juniors

### Payments Open -

Children in Need £1 minimum donation  
Donations 2021 (junior site food contributions)  
Willersley Castle  
F4CADS Christmas Shop



Little Owls - Donnie and Freddie

Yr 1 - Winnie and Vivi

Yr 2 - Eleri and Lucy R

Yr 3 - Jasmine and Mia L

Yr 4 - Freddie, Leena and Holly

Yr 5 - Ewan

Yr 6 - Ryan and Artie



## Leaves

Little Owls - Vincent

Yr 1 - Bertie

## Sports Stars

Little Owls - Immy and Rafferty

Yr 2 - April

Yr 3 - Annabel

Yr 4 - Raph

Yr 5 - Maisie, Esme and Molly

Yr 6 - Sophie and Hannah

## Science Stars

Yr 6 - Theo

*Please go to the school website calendar for diary dates [www.cuddingtonanddintonschool.co.uk](http://www.cuddingtonanddintonschool.co.uk)*

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