



School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas is truly upon us!

We have had the Christmas shop, the children have performed the Nativity to the Junior children, we have had our Whole School Advent Service, Chocolate Mufti has been a great success and it has snowed!

The Nativity is beautiful, the children are wonderful and the singing excellent. We hope to put the photographs on the website next week.

Rev. Phil and Richard held a highly entertaining, yet meaningful Collective Worship on Thursday at Dinton Church. Rev. Richard retold the story of Jesus's birth through the eyes of one of the Wise men. He was dressed as a Wise man riding a camel! Thank you to Ioanna for lighting the first advent candle.

The zoom reading workshop was well attended on Tuesday; Mrs Chaplin and I were grateful for the positive feedback. We have put the slides on the website under 'News and Updates'. Thank you to Mrs Chaplin for the event.

Thank you all for donating chocolate for the Chocolate Mufti Tombola. If you forgot, please send it in with your child on Monday.

Mrs Price

Infant Reading Books

Please send in your child's reading book to school daily. We now have parent helpers listening to readers and your child needs to have their book in school. On a Friday, all Infant children change their reading book, so please make sure it is in their book bag on a Friday.

Admissions consultation

The Governing Body of Cuddington and Dinton CE School wish to consult on proposed amendments to the School's Admissions policy which would take effect from the beginning of the academic year in 2023.

Please find attached an introduction letter and the draft policy. The consultation period for this policy will run from 6th December 2021 to 17th January 2022. The Governing Body welcomes any comments on the updated policy. Please send your comments to the school office at office@cds.school making clear that they are for the attention of the Chair of Governors.

Library books

All library books need to be returned by Friday 10th December. Letters will be issued on Friday 10th December for missing books, so please have a good look!

School Christmas Post box

The Infant and Junior postal service is open from Monday. Children can post their cards for their friends and teachers in the school, and they will be delivered. Please make sure the envelope has the child's full name and the class group.

Christmas Fayre

We are excited to be able to have a Christmas Fayre this year and have some extra precautions in place to minimise COVID risk. There will be hand sanitiser at various stations, and we request masks to be worn inside. We have suggested staggered times to encourage the flow of 'traffic' through the fair.

Infants 5pm - 6:30pm

Juniors 6pm - 7:30pm

(Of course, if you have children at both sites, you are able to choose whichever is suitable to you and infant parents if you can't make it until 6pm or later please do still come!)

Mrs Price will be enforcing a one-way system through the school beginning and ending in the playground, but you can go round as many times as you wish.

Please walk/carshare where possible, and if you drive, please park by the church or village hall and be mindful of all our Dinton neighbours, parking sensibly without blocking roads or driveways would be much appreciated. Most stalls will be cash only. There will be various games, stalls, and refreshments!

We look forward to seeing you there. Christmas jumpers and hats optional.

Hot Lunches

This week we circulated the menu choices for next term, please inform us of any dietary requirements by the deadline date of Wednesday 8th December. For Junior site hot lunches the School Gateway payment option will be open until midnight on Wednesday 8th December.

Year 2 meals (today) Unfortunately, we were 11 meals short today. We have notified Haddenham kitchens and gave the children as much as we had.

Year 6 Derby 2022 Residential trip

Please don't forget the monthly payments, the November payment of £69 was due this week. Many thanks to those who have already paid.

Year 3 Swimming

Wednesday 15th December will be a 'fun swim session' for the children as it is their final lesson. Year 2's will start swimming in January, and a letter with further information will be sent out next week.

Headlice

A reminder that we had a reported case of headlice in the school this week. Please check your child's hair and treat accordingly if necessary.

Save the Children Jumper Day Thursday 16th December

Christmas Jumper Day - all the money from this event will go to Save the Children. Children can wear a Christmas jumper, Christmas hat, onesie, reindeer ears etc- in fact anything Christmassy you may already have, to save on buying an expensive Christmas jumper. School Gateway App payments are open.

Inloco fundraiser - help us raise £200

We've signed up to a fundraiser with the childcare community Inloco. They'll donate £2 for every new member who joins Inloco and adds our school to their profile. You can find out more and join for free at www.myinloco.com. Please share this with your friends and the babysitters and local child carers you know and trust so we can raise more funds for the school. About Inloco: Inloco's been created by two mums to help families find the flexible childcare they need to thrive. The community connects local friends, families and child carers – bringing people together on a simple, trusted platform. Whether it's for babysitting, after school help or holiday help, Inloco can help. Follow and find out more here [@inloco.childcare](https://twitter.com/inloco.childcare)

Junior Peer Mentors (written by themselves)

We want children to be as happy as possible, but we also want you to know where you can go if you can't talk to a teacher. We will try as hard as possible to help you. We will have 2 peer mentors every break time on a bench and don't worry if you interrupt us while we are talking, because we will always be there for you. For those of you who don't know what mental health it is our feelings and emotions that are going on inside our heads.

Our Mental Health Peer Ambassadors are Molly, Annabel, Gabriel, Cooper, Myles, Freddie F, Milly, Genevieve, Archie Di and Rosie. We are very grateful that we have been chosen.

Important Dates -

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)
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 -

Donations 2021 (junior site food contributions)
Willersley Castle
F4CADS Christmas Shop
Year 6 Derby 2022 Residential trip
Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Hot lunches



Little Owls - Cleo, Willoughby
Yr 1 - Tahlia, Clara
Yr 2 - Lucy J, Alice M, April
Yr 3 - Ben T and Zac
Yr 4 - Isabelle L and Chloe
Yr 5 - Maisie, Teddy, Ioanna and Freddie M
Yr 6 - Louis and Emma



Leaves

Yr 2 - Lucy R

Please go to the school website calendar for diary dates www.cuddingtonanddintonschool.co.uk

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