



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

### Gifts for Oxford University Hospital (JR)

Thank you to everyone who provided a gift for children at the Oxford University Hospital this Christmas. Flight Lieutenant Northcote visited on Monday to accept the presents on behalf of Santa. Even though Santa couldn't come and see us on Wednesday, the presents were all ready to be delivered to the hospital for the children, on time.



### Santa Flypast

This was today's highlight! The weather was perfect and we were all so excited. Santa came to visit us and it was wonderful!



## FOWPS Christmas Fair

A big thank you to Caroline Tye and everyone from FOWPS that organised an amazing Christmas Fair last Friday, we do appreciate that lots of hard work goes into organising these events. All money raised from this event goes back into the school. Everyone certainly looked to be having a super time.

## Christmas Carol Sing-along!

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, KS2 children will be hosting a Carol Sing-along at 2.45. If you would like to join us, we would love to see you. Please bring your singing voice with you – it is a singalong and not a performance! Christmas hats and jumpers are all encouraged!

## SEND Coffee Morning

Our next SEND coffee morning is being held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 8:45 – 9:45. All are very welcome.

## Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the children

The children looked super dressed in their Christmas jumpers on Thursday. All donations raised will be sent to Save the children. Thank you for your support.

## Christmas Lunch for all children

This will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, full details will be sent out shortly. Unfortunately, we are currently experiencing some difficulties with the ParentMail ordering system. Thank you for your patience whilst we get to the bottom of this.

## Cake Sale

A reminder that there will be a Year 3 and Year 6 cake sale being held in the playground on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. All cake donations are very much appreciated whether home-made or bought. Please remember that we are a NUT free school

## From Last weeks newsletter

**Globefit Kids Winter Holiday club** is being held at **Woodcote Primary School** from the **2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. There are lots of exciting activities taking place and a hot lunch is included. Details as per the attached flyer. If you would like to book a place please click on the attached link <http://www.bookwhen.com/globefitkidsclubs>

## Class Updates

<b>Oak</b>	This week we had a really lovely Christmassy trip to the church with Cabin and the Woodcote pre-school children. The Oakies were a brilliant example to the younger children of how to stay safe and demonstrate our school values. (see email with photo). Thank you for all your support with the costumes for the nativity. The children are looking forward to performing for you next week. Just a reminder that you are welcome to join the class on Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December, at 3pm to see your child's fabulous writing and the new class displays. We had a circle time about all our body parts; discussing which one's are private and which ones are public. Also, who are our safe people. Please can you play your child the NSPCC 'Let's talk PANTS' video following the link below. <a href="https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/">https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/</a>
<b>Hornbeam</b>	The children have been working very hard this week. When we have not been practising our nativity, we have identified features of a letter and written our own letters describing what we like doing in Hornbeam class. In maths we have created 2D shape pictures and found real life examples of 3D shapes in the classroom. In PE we practised our balancing skills in the hall with Ethan and in topic we have discussed what we know about winter. We hope you have a lovely and restful weekend. If your child cannot zip their coats up by themselves, please could you practise at home with them.

<b>Beech</b>	Beech class have been working hard to add and subtract 10s from any number. The children used real objects as well as hundred squares to help them before solving some problems. They have also begun exploring mass; using the balance scales to investigate items in the classroom. In geography, we have learnt the continents using a very catchy song. I wonder if all the children can remember it. The children then used atlases to create their own fact books about the different continents. In R.E this week, we have been reflecting on the meaning of Christmas. We then designed Christmas decorations and look forward to making these next week. Of course we have been busy rehearsing too ahead of the Nativity shows next week. The children are looking forward to sharing their hard work with you. We finished the week and our flight topic with an interactive workshop delivered by the RAF Museum. Thank you very much to FOWPS for providing the funding for this. The children really enjoyed it!
<b>Ash</b>	This week, we have been working hard planning, writing and editing our very own Egyptian Cinderella stories including our own magical objects and Egyptian Gods. In Maths, we have been learning to estimate answers and using the inverse operation to check our calculations. We enjoyed using part whole models and bar models to represent our thinking. In Science, we focused on the tricep and bicep muscles and how they work together to contract and relax when bending and straightening our arms.
<b>Rowan</b>	We really enjoyed our trip to Langtree on Monday to watch their performance of Nativity the Musical. We have been continuing with our DT projects - our lighthouses are coming along nicely and we have been continuing to work on our frames. Do have a look at the photos on our class page on the website if you haven't already. In maths, we have done some super problem-solving involving multiplication. We were presented with some calculations which had shapes instead of numbers and we had to work out what number each shape represented. There was some excellent reasoning going on. We are looking forward to watching another Christmas themed performance next week - the Reception and KS1 Nativity! Have a lovely weekend.
<b>Maple</b>	It's been another hard-working week in Maple Class, digging into poetry, problem solving, 3D modelling and more! On Monday we had the amazing experience of heading over to Langtree to see their performance of 'Nativity the Musical.' It was absolutely amazing (well worth a watch) and we definitely all felt more Christmassy afterwards! In English we've continued to look at the poetry of Benjamin Zephaniah and have even written our own poem that carries a message like his poetry does. We'll be writing more poetry over the next week. In Maths we've been problem solving, looking at how you can use pictures / diagrams or tables to help you visualise and solve complex problems. Meanwhile, in Computing, we've started 3D modelling our own Christmas tree decorations. We're hoping to print them over the next week and give you something to add to your trees! We'll try and get a few examples up on the website so you can get a sneak peak! We wrapped up our week with some more work on the ukuleles and a visit from Santa in his helicopter! Fun was had by all!
<b>Willow</b>	This week we have carried out our assessments to see just how much we've learnt this term and also been working to complete all of our information posters for our Greek Museum. We are very excited for next Tuesday and everyone coming to visit to look at the artefacts we've created plus the activities we've made. We absolutely loved going to Langtree to watch their version of 'Nativity' and spotting all of our past pupils doing so incredibly well on stage, we came back singing 'Sparkle and Shine'. Our classroom is also looking even more festive with the stunning 3D stars, using our nets knowledge from our Maths lesson. Next week we start looking at Fractions so please make sure you check Teams for homework tonight.

The children in Oak class enjoyed their visit to St Leonard's Church



### **Important dates**

Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception & KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Greek Museum in the hall @ 2:30pm – Parents welcome
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	SEND Coffee morning, all welcome – 8:45 – 9:45am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception & KS1 Nativity performance – 14:00, tickets only
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception & KS1 Nativity performance – 14:00, tickets only
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 & Y6 After School Cake Sale
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Bag2School Fundraising Textiles Collection
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Nominate a Charity £1,000 donation deadline. To enter: <a href="https://movementforgood.com/#nominateACharity">https://movementforgood.com/#nominateACharity</a> please use charity number: 1038615
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Carol Sing-along @ 2:45pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch – more details to follow
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term 1.00 pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Young Voices (Yr5 & Yr6)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024	Year 5 Bikeability
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	FOWPS Coffee Shop @ The Old School House
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Children's Mental Health week

### **FOWPS News**

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers, staff, local businesses and everyone that supported our Christmas Fair and Raffle last week, we have raised over £1,900. Special thanks go to [Dali-Balloon](#) for his wonderful creations and Smelly Wellies for bringing the donkeys to join us.



Thank you to all of the children who contributed to the Elf Village, if you didn't get chance to see it, it has been re-located to the library, so please do pop along.



If you are thinking of having a Pre-Christmas clear out, please do bring your bags to School before **9am on Friday 15 December** for our next **Bag2School fundraising Collection**. If you need a reminder of what they collect, please click here: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

The Benefact Group are giving away £120,000 over the 12 days of Christmas to 120 charities and if you nominate FOWPS we could be in with a chance of winning £1,000! To nominate us, please visit here: <https://movementforgood.com/#nominateACharity>. Please ensure that you use our charity number: 1038615 to enter, as there is another school with an incredibly similar name!