



# Headteacher's Blog

FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2014

## Winter Wonderland Day – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December



We can hardly believe that Winter Wonderland Day is almost upon us again! For those of you who are new to the school, every year we make a wish for Santa's Elves and Fairies to visit our school and transform it into a Wonderland for us. We wonder what this year will bring...? Only 3 more sleeps!

On Monday morning, parents are invited to join their children as they walk through the school to admire the work of Santa's little helpers. It can take some time for everyone to get through the

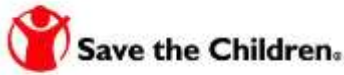
building, so please allow a little extra time on Monday morning when dropping your children off at school.

## Shakespeare Group

This week the Shakespeare cast performed their final performance of Macbeth to the school, and what an amazing performance it was even after a week of not rehearsing! The cast have had lots of fun working with Mrs Brown, Miss Ayres and myself since before the summer holidays and really showed off how hard they have worked when they performed at Stantonbury Theatre a couple of weeks ago. The children worked really well as an ensemble and wowed the audience and festival managers with how clear and confident they were with such tricky lines! We are extremely proud of all they have achieved and are so impressed with how their acting skills have developed this term. They enjoyed a party yesterday afternoon to celebrate their achievements! Thank you to all the parents who donated some party food and thank you all again for supporting your children with learning their lines and encouraging them at home. I am hoping to start up a drama club after Christmas for Key Stage 2 so watch this space.

Miss Keane





## Update from the School Council

The school council have been working very hard recently raising money for charity. As you may be aware, they raised an amazing £81 at the fireworks event selling cakes. They then had to decide how to spend the money. They were all in agreement to give the money to 'Save the Children' in the form of gifts. They have bought:

- ✓ A water filter
- ✓ A midwife kit
- ✓ A art kit
- ✓ Two goats

Through Gift Aid, the government matched our donation, and in total Save the Children have received £162 from Oxley Park Academy. Don't forget that we will also be having our annual '**Christmas Jumper Day**' on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**, the last day of term, in support of this fantastic charity. Staff and children are invited to 'make the world better with a sweater'! It doesn't have to be a 'Christmas jumper' – children are welcome to wear a jumper of their own and simply decorate it with tinsel, snowflakes, plastic baubles – however they wish! Any monetary donations towards Save the Children will be very gratefully received.

## RED Challenge ('Read Every Day')

The children are still doing very well with their 'RED Challenge'. Just a reminder that all those children who receive 5 RED certificates before Christmas will receive their prize and a special certificate on the last day of term.



Skoolbo are launching the Skoolbo World Cup! Between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December, Team GB will take on Team USA at reading and maths – let's get involved and support Team GB!

## Year 1 Performances – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Our Year 1 children will be giving their performances to parents next Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, at 2pm and 6pm.

## Christingle Assemblies – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Our Christingle Assemblies will be held on the afternoon of Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – parents and carers are very welcome to join us. Please see below for timings for each year group.

## Christmas lunches & party days – 16<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas lunches and party days will be as follows this year:

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
<u>Hot Christmas Lunch</u> Foundation Year 1 Year 3 Year 6	<u>Hot Christmas Lunch</u> Year 2 Year 4 Year 5
<u>Class party day</u> Year 2 Year 4 Year 5	<u>Class party day</u> Foundation Year 1 Year 3 Year 6

The year groups have been split in this way to try and balance out numbers on both days.

Hot Christmas lunches can be ordered on the usual Cygnet Catering hot lunch order form, available to download from the 'Documents' section of the school website. Hard copies are available from reception. Your child's class teacher will let you have details of their class party day nearer the time.

## Celebrations

We have shared celebrations with the following children in school this week:

- ★ Sachita, Reva and Gitali from Year 4 have learned all their 12 Times Tables! Congratulations girls. Here they are collecting their certificates earlier today...



- ★ Harshini in Year 4 was awarded a trophy for Indian classical singing in Birmingham recently.



★ Amelia and Arya in Year 1 have both been working really hard. Amelia has now reached all 100 Hot Words and Arya has learned how to spell his 100 Hot Words. Well done to you both – superstars!



★ Doves class (Year 3) have had an excellent week. Hollie brought in her gymnastics and swimming certificates to share with us. Joshua received a rugby medal. Remy brought in a certificate for basketball. Joe was presented with a 'Man of the Match' trophy from his football team. Thomas brought in his karate trophy to show us, and Zoe has written and illustrated a fantastic pirate story! What an amazingly talented class!!



### Coming up over the next few weeks....

Date		
<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	Winter Wonderland Day	
<b>Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	Year 1 Performance to parents	2:00pm and 6:00pm
<b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Celebration Assemblies: Year 1/2/3 Year 4/5/6	9:00am 10:00am
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Foundation performance to parents	2:00pm
<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christmas Carols and Enterprise Fair after school	Time to be confirmed

Date		
<b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christingle Assemblies: Foundation/Year 1 Years 2 & 3 Years 4, 5 & 6	1:15pm-1:45pm 2:00pm-2:30pm 2:45pm-3:15pm
<b>Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Hot Christmas lunches for Foundation, Years 1, 3 & 6  Class party day for Years 2, 4 & 5	
<b>Weds 17<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Governors Awards: Foundation, Years 1, 2 & 3 Years 4, 5 & 6	9:00am 10:00am
<b>Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Hot Christmas lunches for Years 2, 3 & 5  Class party day for Foundation, Years 1, 3 & 6	
<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	'Christmas Jumper Day' END OF AUTUMN TERM	
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	INSET DAY	
<b>Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	SCHOOL RE-OPENS	

***See you all for Winter Wonderland on Monday morning!***