



THE BATT C.E. SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

UK Parliament Week

You may recall that the school council debated, then drafted, a petition to Parliament calling for a ban on plastic cutlery and straws in schools. In less than two weeks the petition was signed by 1,930 people, 178 people in Witney and the rest from across the UK. Petitions to Parliament stay online for 6 months and those receiving 10,000 signatures are responded to by the government of the day. Unfortunately, the general election has resulted in all petitions closing early which is disappointing. However, the children will launch their petition again in January at the start of the new Parliament. We have had lots of interest in the petition and today Daniel, Jasmine, Ethan and Charlotte were interviewed by That's TV Oxfordshire News. I will let you know when this will be broadcast. This was all part of the children's work for UK Parliament Week and the school council would like to thank everyone who signed their petition.

Children in Need

Next Friday is Children in Need. This year, as the theme is based on doing things together, we are inviting the children to bring in board games (non-electronic) to play on Friday afternoon. We will also be asking for donations on the day. I hope the children will enjoy playing the games.

Competition Winner

Congratulations to Erin in Year Five for having her design chosen for the Town Council Advent Fayre Poster. We look forward to seeing the poster displayed around the town.

Upper Junior Hockey

Our Upper Junior Hockey team took part in the Witney Schools' tournament at Wood Green School on Wednesday. Having won three and narrowly lost one match in the group stage, our team qualified for the semi-final and played against West Witney. Unfortunately we lost by a single goal. However we went on to beat Ducklington in the third/fourth play off game. Congratulations to all our hockey players.

Year Three Choir

A local composer, Jill Elson, visited our school a couple of weeks ago to record our Year Three choir singing one of her songs, "Let's Get Growing". You can hear our children singing the song on the website www.seasonofsinging.com.

Boxclever

If you are looking to buy calendars, diaries and other stationery for Christmas, why not order through Boxclever Press? You will have received an order form and seen more information on a previous newsletter. For full details of the range of products available, please visit www.boxcleverpress.com. The school will receive 40% of the value of your order on commission. Please ensure orders are in by next Friday.



Year Six Residential

Thank you to those who have paid their second payment. Please be reminded that the latest instalment is due today. Please contact Sharon Bark or me if you have any concerns about payment for the residential.

Windrush Karate

We have been fortunate to have Windrush Karate in school over the next few weeks to give our children a taste of karate. They are based here at The Batt and are offering a free trial to our pupils. Please call in to the office for more details or contact them direct.

BSA Stall at the Lights Turn on and Christmas Fayre

The BSA will have a stall at the turning on of the town's Christmas lights on Friday 29th November. I hope many of you will support this. Plans for our Christmas Fayre are well under way for Friday 6th December. Please let members of the committee know if you can help or call in to the office. Thank you.

A Stroll with Santa

Witney Rotary Club is organising a variety of events leading up to Christmas, one of which is a 'Stroll with Santa' on Sunday 15th December. It will be an opportunity to meet Santa in the Langdale Hall from 10.00am onwards and then take in a one-mile walk, wearing your favourite Christmas outfit. There will be activities for children during the walk and refreshments available. For more details please visit www.entrycentral.com/witney-santa-stroll.

New Telephone System

Some of you may have already noticed that our incoming phone line message has changed. We have moved to a new digital VoiP telephone system which is a great improvement. As a result of this change, from 14 November the only contact telephone number for the school will be 01993 702392. Please check your contact lists and amend the entry if you have the number 01993 776512 for the school as this number will be disconnected.

Thank you for your continued support this term.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

