



Newsletter 7 Autumn Term

8th December 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of term is nearly upon us! With all the decorations around, and the sound of Christmas carols from the classes, we are now certainly getting into the festive spirit.

A few points to highlight as we get closer to the holidays :

Safeguarding

Should you ever need to use a taxi to transport your child to and from school, the office can give you a list of companies who work with Oxfordshire County Council, whose drivers have had safeguarding training. These drivers should have an OCC badge which will have an orange strip on it.

Swimming

We have had a number of children who have not taken part in swimming lessons recently. Swimming is part of the PE national curriculum and if a child is well enough to be in school then he/she should be able to swim with the rest of the class.

Emergency Closure

It's that time of the year again when there is always the possibility of disruption to school caused by snow. In the event of bad weather conditions affecting the opening of school, please note that you will be advised of this by text and email. There will also be information on the school website, Radio Oxford, and the local authority school closure website :

<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

If you have any further queries you can phone or email the school office.

Latecomers

A number of children are coming into school late on a regular basis. Please remember that registration is taken at 8.50am and children coming in after that cause a disruption to the start of lessons.

Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group

We have had an email from the above body, inviting parents to participate in locality place based plans across Oxfordshire, in connection with doctors' surgeries and the future of GP services in Oxfordshire. If you would like to read further about this, please see the attachment which contains links to open.

Charging and Remissions Policy

There is an updated Charging and Remissions Policy now on the website. Please would you, as parents/carers, read the policy and familiarise yourself with the contents.

And a few items of news :

Sharks Visit to The Natural History Museum, Tring – Report by Mia and Django

“Last Thursday the Sharks class went to The Natural History Museum in Tring. When we were there we learned about evolution and saw a model of a dodo and a quagga; these were extraordinary to see! They had over 4000 animal models, many of which were stuffed. We did a workshop and followed some trails. It was a great experience and the class would highly recommend it.”

FoFS Christmas Craft Fayre and Secret Present Room

On Saturday the 2nd December FoFS held their first Christmas Craft Fayre. A number of local people, as well as some children, had stalls offering their crafts for sale, and despite the weather there was a good turnout. The live reindeer outside were a roaring success amongst all the little ones! Although FoFS have not finalised all their expenses, they predict that they may have raised approximately £250. Many thanks to all those who helped out on the day.

This morning was the annual Secret Present Room, which is always a highlight for the children. Thanks must go to the FoFS committee and members for organising this successful event.

Christmas Disco – Report by Murray

“On Wednesday evening a lot of the children went to the school Christmas Disco. We danced and did the limbo and had a lot of fun – well done to those who won prizes! We all had a great time. Thanks to the DJ, Mrs McLeod, Ms Leaver, Mrs Ejiogu, and the ladies that made it happen.”

A big personal thank you from me to Anna Simpson, Louise Vaughan, and their helpers for organising the evening.

EYFS Nativity

The Tiddlers and Minnows put on a delightful nativity play on Thursday morning. They all worked really hard at learning their positions and lines and we were thoroughly entertained. The set was arranged beautifully and the children looked very authentic in their outfits. Well done to Mrs King and her team in Foundation for their hard work in putting this together.

Regards

Debbie McLeod
Headteacher

SCHOOL DIARY

Tue 12 Dec- 1.45 Lower School Nativity

Wed 13 Dec – 1.45 Lower School Nativity

Thu 14 Dec – Community Tea Party

Fri 15 Dec – pm Christmas Parties

Mon 18 Dec- Christmas Lunch

Tue 19 Dec – 10am Carol Service-Tue 19 Dec- End of Term

Thu 4 Jan- Back to School