



Be Ready, Be Respectful Be Safe 'To believe, achieve, succeed together.'

NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER 2023

Value of the Term: RESPECT & PEACE

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we began to explore **Advent** and lit our first candle on our Advent wreath. We discussed the angels visiting the shepherds and thought about why they were selected first. Children were set a challenge linked to this story and aspect – I wonder how many managed it? We are listening as part of our work on Advent to this Christmas song – especially written this year for schools at Christmas time – you might like to listen:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLfwn11NtD18EgK2mSLqd3nI6-y3UcOjA9>

On Thursday the Hall was alive with **rock as our bands** took to the stage and performed – what a fabulous experience – they all did so well! Looking forward to seeing the bands grow and the amazing work continue. The building works have moved along at a rapid rate this week and we are hopeful this first stage will be near completion.

We have had many calls from parents about the final few weeks and what is happening – I have sent each week a Christmas events sheet which outlines what is taking place but please find below this again, with hopefully a little more detail.

Key events in the lead up to Christmas Break:

Wed 13 th Dec	2.15pm	Oak/Chestnut Dress Rehearsal Nativity - KS2 to watch.
Thurs 14 th Dec	9.30am	Performance 1 of the Nativity – 2 SEATS PER FAMILY
Thurs 14 th Dec	2.15pm	Performance 2 of the Nativity - 2 SEATS PER FAMILY
Fri 15 th Dec	2.15pm	Community Christmas Tea
Sun 17 th Dec	4pm	Village Carol Service – welcome children attending to sing and to help with a reading
Mon 18 th Dec		Homework Gallery Day Santa Run in aid of Helen & Douglas House
	6pm	KS2 Christingle Service – please can children arrive at the church from 5:45pm. Torches are needed to help navigate around the church.
Tues 19 th Dec		Christmas Jumper Day – top half jumper, bottom half uniform. Kingswood Christmas lunch (order by Tuesday 12 th December) Christmas Treat – Ice Skating at Bicester Garden Centre
Wed 20 th Dec	11am	End of Term Service at Church Whole School Online Panto kindly paid for by PTFA School finishes for Term 2 (normal time).

Finally, I want to thank the families and staff who attended the tree planting ceremony on Saturday – it sounded like a well-attended event where the children represented themselves so well.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Sarah Smith

Diary – WB 11th December

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Oak/Chestnut Dress rehearsal Nativity – KS2 to watch

Thursday

9.30am Nativity Performance 1

2:15pm Nativity Performance 2

Friday

9am Final VIP assembly of the term

2.15pm Community Christmas Tea

Sunday

4pm Village Carol Service

Year 3 Nativity costumes for the KS2 Christingle Service.

Please could these be brought in on Monday in a named bag or on a hanger.

Punctuality – this is slipping from more than a few just recently and politely remind you school gates open at 8:40am and close at 8:55. This allows ample of time. Children do have a task to complete first thing when they get to school.

The Big Ambition - Dame Rachel De Souza the Children's Commissioner for England has requested the following survey be completed by as many children/parents as possible.

Please see the attached flyer and link below for further information:
www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

Certificates

	Ready, Respectful, Safe	Headteacher Value	Curriculum – RE
OAK	Alfie S, Penny M	Maverick D	Jade C
CHESTNUT	Oran R, William R	Evelyn H	Fletcher RT
ASH	Liam O, Sophie H	Zach L	George W
SYCAMORE	Jennifer H, George F	Albie B	Miriam H
MAPLE	Meredith S, Jacob W	Vera J	Imogen P

House Point Scores: Air 141 Earth 167 Fire 132 Water 140

APPLYING FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE – SEPT 2024. The application window is now open for those starting school in September and you must apply by 15th Jan 2024.

Safeguarding - Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.
Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs S. Smith
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs K. Green
Governor Responsible for Safeguarding – Mrs C. Barrett

Attendance Figure for the whole school this academic year:
95.2%

Remembrance – Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthwhile charity – we raised £198!