



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

**NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

**Value of the Term: RESPECT & PEACE**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we continued to explore **Advent** and lit our second candle on our Advent wreath. We discussed the angels in the song we are listening to and thought about their role in the nativity story - children were set a challenge linked to this, the sharing of good news! We also thought about which carols have angels mentioned in them – I wonder how many you can think of? 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 we had a superb set of **Nativity performances** where a King was born. Some amazing singing, brilliant acting and actions as well as clear lines and a real enjoyment of telling this important event. Thank you to everyone's support, for attending and supporting – the pupils were definitely superstars. The staff also were a key cog in its success and huge thanks goes out to the whole EYFS and KS1 team. The collection made: £108. This will be split between Brackley Food Bank and Animals in Need.

Last three days at school coming up and we have some wonderful events planned:

**Key events in the lead up to Christmas Break:**

- Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 4pm Village Carol Service – welcome children attending to sing and to help with a reading
- Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec Homework Gallery Day  
Santa Run in aid of Helen & Douglas House  
6pm KS2 Christingle Service – Long hair tied back; [please can children arrive at the church from 5:45pm. Torches are needed to help navigate around the church.](#)
- Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Jumper Day – top half jumper, bottom half uniform.  
Kingswood Christmas lunch  
Christmas Treat – Ice Skating, Bicester Garden Centre Return **ETA 15:45pm**
- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 11am End of Term Service at Church- all welcome  
Whole School Online Panto kindly paid for by PTFA - afternoon  
School finishes for Term 2 (normal time).

I will send a letter next week with information regarding the next stage of building works as well as an end of term letter out on Wednesday with key information regarding next term.

*Have a lovely weekend.*

*Mrs. Sarah Smith*

**Diary – WB 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**Sunday**

4pm Village Carol Service

**Monday**

Homework Gallery Day

Santa Run

6pm KS2 Christingle Service

**Tuesday**

Christmas Jumper Day

Kingswood Christmas Lunch

End of term treat – Ice Skating

**Wednesday**

11am Church Service

Whole school Panto Online

End of term

**Movie night** was a great success

- thank you to the PTFA for organising this lovely event. There was a scarf, hat and gloves left which is in the office for collection.

**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 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](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)

**Certificates**

	Ready, Respectful, Safe	Headteacher Value
OAK	Orla & Emmett C	Elena H
CHESTNUT	Ruby W & Kellan J	Max E
ASH	Lola-R O & Poppy H	Jake HI
SYCAMORE	James C & Miriam H	Fin O'C
MAPLE	Ally M & Nico J	Oliver W

House Point Scores for the term: Air 1021 Earth 882 Fire 889 Water 1146

**APPLYING FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE** – SEPT 2024. The application window is open for those starting school in September and you must apply by 15<sup>th</sup> 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:  
95.4%

We have a **new school mobile phone!** This will be used when the whole school is not on site for absolute emergencies if you are needing to contact us.  
The number is: **07392284108**