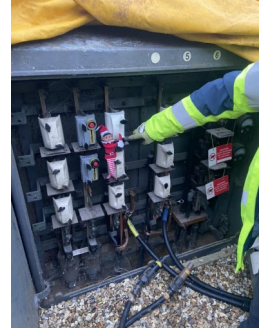




Dear Parents,

This week has been quite eventful for us as we have entered December. We marked the start of advent by talking about our own Christmas wishes and reflecting on the meaning of the candles on the advent wreath – hope, peace, joy and love. Which are more important wishes to consider at the time of year.

Years 3 to 6 had a visit from the Barclay Bank Electric Van. They were supposed to have a talk and do activities around budgeting but the elf in Year 1 and 2 had other plans by cutting the power, meaning we have had to postpone that part of the visit. Luckily, they were still able to enjoy exploring the van and learning about its role as a mobile bank branch supporting customers around the country. The children across the school coped really well with the lack of electricity and the staff were great at adapting their lessons at such short notice, keeping calm and carrying on. Thank you for your support with collecting children that were due to stay for CAST. It is very hard to know how long a power cut will last for with the limited information we were given from those working at the generator.



Children in Years 3 to 6 took part in the Bicester Schools Touch rugby event at the Cooper School on Thursday. It was great to see the children getting stuck in with all the activities and then trying their hand at some matches against other local schools. The children took part with great enthusiasm, determination and respect. It was also nice to see one of our old pupils supporting with the running of the event.



We are finishing the week with our cross-country stars Chloe and Grace competing in the north Oxfordshire final. Whilst the rest of the children have been busy making Christingles for the service in Church on Sunday evening.

Hopefully after today the electricity issues will be solved and the bad weather forecast for the weekend does not affect access to the village too much.

Finally, as mentioned in previous newsletters, we have governor role vacancies. Please see the attached letter with details on how to apply for these. The deadline for applications is 12 noon on Friday 13th December.

Wishing you all a safe weekend,
Nadia Gosling

FSU Nativity- This year we will have our evening service on Wednesday 18th at 6pm and our day time service will be on the 19th at 1:30pm. We will return to school after the service and children can be collected from there once the service is finished (around 2:30) up until 3.15pm when school closes.

CAST will not be running on the last day of term.



Headteacher Award
Florence, Oliver + Mackenzie
Well Done!



Our Stars of the Week

Henry

Jackson

Martha +
Freddie

Anna

Izzy

Florence

Blake

Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is Year 1&2 & Year 5&6 with:

99% attendance

**Whole school attendance
96%**

Also, Well done to everyone for getting into school at 08:45. It makes such a difference!

Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.15am-8.45am
8:30am—8:45am
Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.45am

CAST times: Mon-Thurs 3.15pm-4.15pm or
3.15pm-5.30pm.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club, Drop & Play or CAST, please book a place using the Arbor app.

All clubs are open to Reception through to Year 6 children only. If you could please try to get your clubs booked by **Midday**

Friday for the week ahead, so that snacks can be arranged. As our numbers are increasing, we may not be able to accept last minute bookings due to the adult ratio's required. Bookings made after 12pm on Friday will incur a £2 late booking fee per session booked.

Please also be mindful of pick up times, if you are late picking up your child you will be charged for the later session.

ECO COUNCIL

A huge thank you to everyone who has returned their Cut Your Carbon challenge sheet. We will be doing the calculations during our meeting on Tuesday, so there's still time to send them in if you mislaid them and come across them.

Please save any stamps from Christmas cards!

PTA

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Christmas quiz.

We raised an amazing **£344!**

There's no more PTA events this year, but keep a look out for future events in the New Year!

Diary dates

- 11th December Panto trip Reception-Y6
- 18th December—School Christmas lunch
- 18th December—School Nativity at St Mary's Church 6pm-7pm
- 19th December—School Nativity at St Mary's Church 1.30pm-2.30pm
- 19th December—Last day of term
(No CAST on this day)
- 6th January—First day of term
- 9th January—Yrs 3-6 Swimming lesson



FSU

In FSU we have had a good week thinking about Winter. One of the popular activities on the Fine Motor table was dressing the dolls in warm clothing. This is good practice for buttons and dressing themselves! We have read some lovely wintry stories and also had some fun preparing for the coming Christmas including starting to rehearse our Nativity. We have costumes for this and will send a letter next week with the details of what to wear underneath - there will be no need to buy anything!



Year 1 & 2

In History, we looked at Neil Armstrong and the famous moon landing in 1969. We found out about lots of significant people including Katherine Johnson, Gene Kranz, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins who all made the Apollo 11 mission happen. Afterwards, we had a class debate about who we thought was the most significant person and why. Here are our results: Neil Armsrtong (6), Gene Kranz (4), Buzz Aldrin (3), Michael Collins (3) and Katherine Johnson (3).



Year 3 & 4

As Christmas approaches, year 3 and 4 have been working hard on their writing based on the Grinch, and ploughing through learning their times tables. They really enjoyed the Rugby Festival as well as a visit from Barclays to learn about budgeting.

Today we also say farewell to Anna and Izzy as they are moving to Australia. Have a wonderful time girls, we will miss you!



Year 5 & 6

We had a great time at our rugby festival yesterday. Everyone was really resilient, even against those who had played lots of rugby before. The children really impressed me with their enthusiasm even in the cold and the mud! Well done!



Safeguarding

Please contact Mrs Clarke, Miss Giles or Mrs Gosling should you have any safeguarding concerns.

Forest School

Have you bought a real Christmas tree this year?

When the festive period is over, please bring your used Christmas trees to the school as the children love to use them at Forest School!

Please leave them at the school gate that the children enter through.

