



Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas has arrived at Charlton-on-Otmoor school this week! The ethos team has led the school in creating Christmas tree decorations for our school Christmas trees which will be sent home at the end of term. The younger classes really enjoyed their visit and even shared some Christmas stories with them. Whilst reflecting on advent and the meaning of Christmas we are also thinking about those around us. With this in mind, the ethos team will be leading the school in creating Christmas cards that will be delivered around the village to randomly selected addresses.



We have ended the week with some Christingle making, ready for the Christingle service at St. Mary's church on Sunday at 4pm. I hope many of you are able to attend this lovely service.

The children have also been practising songs for our Nativity at Church in the last week of term. We thought that it would be nice to share their lovely singing with the wider community so we will be hosting a Christmas Music event in the community hall on Thursday 10:45-11:00 - during the Post Office hours. Parents are welcome to attend too. The choir will also be performing after school on Friday during the raffle draw!

Thank you to everyone who has sent in sponsorship forms for the fitness circuits led by our visiting athlete - Nerys Pearce. As soon as all the money has been counted and the sports leaders have helped pick the resources for the school, I will share more information on how the children across the school have benefited from this.

Finally, we are having to post-pone the Parent Forum next Wednesday due to staff shortage, we will reschedule it for early in the Spring term.

Wishing you all a festive weekend,

Nadia Gosling



Headteacher Award

Logan & Grace

Well Done!



PTA Reminder

Raffle tickets, please return these by next Friday— If you are not able to sell the tickets can you please give these to the school office so that we can try to sell them.

If we were to sell all of our raffle tickets we will raise an amazing £1,000.

Forest School

If you have a real Christmas tree for the festive season, the school would love it if you would donate it in the new year for our Forest School. These can be left through the gate to the right of the Percy Collett Room.



Our Stars of the Week

Camilla

Alba

Zac

Finn

Isabel

Blake

Jaxon

Ronnie

Class Attendance Winner

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

98% 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 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. Please also be mindful of pick up times, if you are late picking up your child you will be charged for the later session.

Diary dates

~~13th December at 2:30 Parent Forum in the Percy Collett room~~

14th December—Christmas Music 1045-11am

15th December- Reception - Year 6 Panto trip

18th December 2pm Christmas Service featuring the FSU Nativity in Church.

19th December 6pm Christmas Service featuring the FSU Nativity in Church.

20th December—Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

23rd January 2024 & 8th May 2024 Rags2Riches



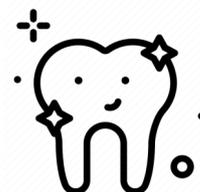
Music Lessons:

From January there are spaces available for Recorder and Flute lessons. Recorder is available to Reception pupils upwards, Flute is available for Year 3 upwards.



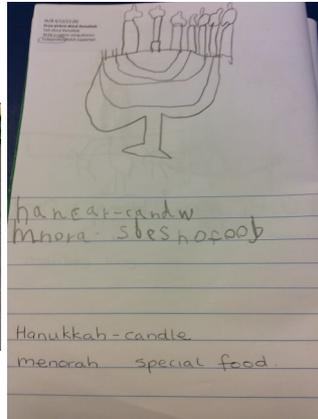
Oral Health Newsletter

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FSU

This week we have been celebrating two festivals of light. The children helped to make a Christmas tree outside with all the green things they could find. They are also busy practicing our Nativity. We have also been learning about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah-singing songs and learning about the lighting of the menorah each day of the festival.



Year 1 & 2

We had a very fun start to the week in year 1 and 2 with our international day. The children enjoyed receiving boarding passes and travelling to new countries. We learnt some African dance steps, performed some African drumming and tried food from different places. I was really impressed with their flag designs and their sewing skills are coming along really well.



Year 3 & 4

Year 3 and 4 are making amazing progress on their DT projects and their Christmas stockings are really taking shape! We have also been putting the finishing touches to some amazing pieces of descriptive writing based on the Nutcracker story, which will be illustrated and proudly displayed when complete. We look forward to things continuing to feel Christmassy next week!



Year 5 & 6

Our gingerbread houses turned out amazing! They were definitely showstoppers. Everyone worked so well together and showed so much resilience even when things crumbled! We also got to taste our bakes on Monday and evaluated them for flavour and texture, as well as evaluating our friend's work too. What a lot of festive fun!



Safeguarding

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