



WHADDON NEWS

Autumn Term 2



We Will Remember Them

11th November 2019—11.am





Learning Outside the Classroom

Winter Shadows

One afternoon, as the Year 1 children were rehearsing the nativity, Miss Nash, Mrs Darnley and the Reception children decided to go out onto the trim trail for some exercise.

As they all stood on one of the pieces of equipment, the children spotted their shadows. They were really, really long. This led to a discussion about shadows; where they come from, why they are there and why they change shape and size.

The children decided to try and chase their shadows and make different shapes with them. P.E. and science, all in one winter's afternoon!



A Different Forest School Session

One Wednesday in late November, the Squirrel Class children went on a walk around Whaddon. We looked out for signs of autumn with our eyes, we felt signs of autumn with our hands (the wet mud) and the fresh air on our cheeks. Elizabeth, Stevie, Taylor, Vincent, Archie and Teddy enjoyed jumping in ginormous puddles - making the biggest splashes whilst testing out their waterproofs. The rangers were offered walkers talkies which they took in turns to use. Whilst walking in a large group they rangers used the walk-in talkies to communicate with each other.

The rangers had heard about a big muddy hill which they had the choice to race up and roll down. Most children were keen to give it a go. Taylor, Stevie and Callie explored the mud with their hands. It took quite a bit of endurance to run to the top of the hill but George, Archie and Elizabeth embraced the challenge!

After we'd played on the hill we walked on through the sheep field, stopping to look at a wasps nest in the old, fallen tree trunk. The rangers were offered a mug of 'mud smoothie' (hot chocolate) which they drank whilst sat under an old oak tree.

The rangers expressed how much they had enjoyed the trip. Callie said "I'm going to write about this in my trip book".



Trip to Stoke Goldington Christmas Tree Farm and Salcey Forest

George's Recount of the Christmas Tree Trip

Firstly Chris told us about the branches and the branches have a scent. Next Chris told us about the tags on the trees. Then we went back to the cabin and did some sketching. Happily we had lunch then we went to Salcey forest and looked for Zog. Then we had a play around then it was time to go but the bus was not there so we had more playtime. Then the bus was there and we went back to school.

Amy's Recount of the Christmas Tree Trip

Firstly we went in the fields we learnt that all the rings inside a tree is how old it is. Next we heard our tree was nine years old. Then we went to Salcey forest. We went to look for Zog and went on the climbing frame and had a lot of fun. However we went to the trail to find the Gruffalo. Interestingly there was lots of squelchy mud. Then we went to a big playground and went back to school.



Nativity—Doris the Reluctant Donkey

The children did an incredible nativity performance this year and I'm sure you will agree they should be very proud of themselves. Here are some of the children's thoughts and comments on 'Doris the Reluctant Donkey':

Taylor: I really enjoyed seeing the reactions of the audience. They were laughing and clapping and had big smiles on their faces.

Vincent: it was a very funny nativity.

Morgan: I really liked singing the songs and doing all the actions.

Henry H: my favourite part was when Doris was huffing and puffing because it was so funny I almost balled my eyes out.

Archie M: I liked learning my lines and saying them loudly and clearly for the audience. I felt very proud of myself.

Millie: I liked the final line of the play when everyone spoke together because it's like we were all praying to God together.

Mercy: the reactions of the parents made me feel very happy.



A Trip to the Panto!

On Wednesday we went to the pantomime to watch

Beauty and the Beast! There was lots of action and water guns being sprayed (lots of us hid

behind the chairs in front of us to keep dry) and lots of songs. The best bit was the

Beast turning back into a prince at the end according to Henry W. According to Wil-

liam E, the best bit was when he got to throw the toilet rolls back on to the stage during the twelve days of Christmas song! Callie said she was amazed by how they could

all know what to do and remember everything. Amy liked the song where the Beast sang about fire and

real fire came bursting out of the stage! We all had a great time and can't wait to go again next year.

By William, Bruce, Theo, Henry W, Callie, Isla, Amy and Stevie.

Christmas Time!



First School



Session Ends

Dates for your Diary for 2019-2020

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Spring Term 2020			
Thursday 9th Jan	Whole school trip to MK Museum	All day	MK Museum
Wednesday 21st Jan	Chinese New Year Workshops	All Day	Whaddon School
Thursday 27th Feb	Key Stage 1 Parent Teacher Meetings	All Day	Whaddon School
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day	All day	Whaddon School
Thursday 12th March	Whole School Trip to Christchurch Cathedral Oxford	All Day	Christchurch Cathedral Oxford
Friday 13th March	MK Music Festival	TBC	The Ridgeway Centre MK12 5TH
Friday 20th March	Mother's Day Tea Party	13.00	Whaddon School
Friday 3rd April	Easter Service – Everyone Welcome	14.00	St Mary's Church
Saturday 2nd May	May Fayre	All Day	School Field

Summer Term 2020			
Tuesday 2nd June	Y2 Hazard Alley Trip	13.00 – 15.00	Safety Centre MK11 3ES
Friday 19th June	Father's Day Picnic and fun	13.00	School Field if dry. Inside if wet
Monday 6th July	Maths Information Meeting (Including new parents)	14.00	Whaddon School
Thursday 9th July	Whole School Trip to Warwick Castle	All Day	Warwick Castle
Tuesday 14th July	Sports Day	13.00	School Field
Wednesday 15th July	Whaddon School Great Spelling Bee	9.00	Whaddon School
Friday 17th July	End of year service—Everyone welcome	13.00	St Mary's Church
Friday 17th July	Y2 Family leavers BBQ	15.00	Whaddon School Field

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS

SPRING TERM 2020	Tuesday 7th January	Friday 14 February
	Monday 24 February	Friday 3 April
SUMMER TERM 2020	Monday 20 April	Friday 22 May
	Monday 1 June	Tuesday 21 July

TERM TIME BANK HOLIDAYS 2019/2020

Monday 22nd April 2020

Friday 7th May 2020

INSET DAYS 2019/2020 Monday 6th January 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

Tuesday 21st July 2020

AUTUMN TERM 2020	Wednesday 2nd September	Friday 23rd October
	Monday 2nd November	Friday 18th December
SPRING TERM 2021	Tuesday 5th January	Friday 12th February
	Monday 22nd February	Thursday 1st April
SUMMER TERM 2021	Monday 19th April	Friday 28th May
	Monday 7th June	Tuesday 21st July

TERM TIME BANK HOLIDAYS 2020/2021

Friday 2nd April 2021

Monday 3rd May 2021

INSET DAYS 2019/2020 Tuesday 1st September 2020

Monday 4th Jan 2021

Tuesday 5th Jan 2021

Monday 20th July 2021

Tuesday 21st July 2021

Super Squirrels

Shout Out!

A huge well done to all the children for their nativity performances, but in particular we must say how incredible Stevie and Indy were at learning their lines and acting on stage.

Henry H made a very royal King James 1st when he stepped into role during our Guy Fawkes history day.

Archiejack, Taylor and Mercy all had very interesting ideas for us to test in a water/ice experiment.

Teddy, Theo, Archie M and Vincent have really enjoyed coding with the Beebots this term, successfully debugging problems and working out algorithms.

Elizabeth, Callie, Arrany, Henry W and Amy have won the Autumn term coin race to get to the pot of gold the most times.

George has worked really hard on all of the writing he has done this term: brilliant endurance.

Elizabeth made an amazing 3D fire for our wildlife friendly bonfire party.

The incredible Miss Maguire and wonderful Miss Everatt have now left Squirrels and we miss you already!

News from the Hedgehog Burrow

Our Percy the Park Keeper Mantle story:

We finished our work as Percy's Park Keeper helpers. We've been very busy Park Keepers: building a new woodland for homeless animals; helping to find and catch a rogue Gruffalo; caring for the animals and the Gruffalo; tracking animals; identifying animals in the woodlands; and generally helping Percy. One of the main challenges was when some people wanted to have a large bonfire with fireworks right outside our woodland! The Park Keepers decided that just would not do, so, to compromise, they planned and carried out an indoor firework party (including bonfire, fireworks, sparklers, hot chocolate and some indoor firework jars created by the Year 1 children).

Chloe has learnt to write her name. It started with a 'C' and grew from there!

Flynn has been learning how to use scissors and has been teaching other children his new skill.

Hattie has been a super star reader and has also been learning all of her spellings (plus some extra ones Miss Nash gave her!)

Logan has been doing an incredible job with his maths this term

Olivia has been singing a lot this half term! She loves to sing and dance.

Rene has done a great job of learning his sounds and learning how to blend words.

Seb had some very good ideas for building a sleigh and helped other children to solve some sleigh problems.

Sienna has been learning her maths facts very well (so far, bonds to 5 and 6).

William has been very kind; he often tries to solve problems between other children.

Happy Christmas Hedgehog Class. See you in 2020!