



Whaddon Weekly Newsletter

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“You are the light of the world, let your light shine!” Matthew 5-14-16

Dear parents and children,

Welcome to the latest edition of our school newsletter.

School vision

This week, our school community have been shining brightly and living our value of wisdom, in the form of a very exciting (and somewhat unfamiliar) learning experience. The children took a voyage through the human body, via V R technology. On their internal adventure, they encountered the different systems and organs that help us stay alive and well.

The school received a lovely letter from the Royal British Legion about the money raised in our poppy appeal and we are pleased to report that our small school, with a big heart, raised over £28. Thank you for your donations.

Pupil feedback

“The VR tour of the human body was amazing and helped me learn about the body parts such as circulatory system, digestive system, heart and skeleton.” Yr6

“What did we do to deserve this?!” & “I really enjoyed it, there is nothing I would like to change- it was very unexpected, though! I cannot explain how thankful I am [...] for the experience.” Yr5

Wellies

In light of the recent wet and freezing weather we request that all children have access to wellies to access the field at break and lunch times. Wellies should be named.

PE in cold weather

In light of the very cold temperatures experienced recently, we would urge parents to ensure their children have the right PE clothing for the weather conditions on their designated PE day.

Parent Questionnaires

Please can you return the parent questionnaires issued after half term, for **return by 3rd December**. The questionnaires are anonymous and help us gather your thoughts on what is working well and how we can make things even better. We value your feedback.

If you require another copy of the questionnaire, please contact Mrs. Ellis in the school office.

Forest school volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to support our forest school sessions, which take place on Friday mornings 09.45-11.45am. If you are able to help, or be on call should we need an extra pair of hands, please let Mrs Ellis, in the school office know. Thank you to the volunteers who have already spent time in our lovely forest school!

Mascot competition winner

Congratulations to Tori who won the design a school mascot competition! The school undertook a vote and Tori's design was most popular.

Wheel barrow- thank you!

A huge thank you to Mr. Smith for the donation of another new wheel barrow and trolley. These items are much appreciated and will help us be organised for fantastic forest school experiences and make gardening club all the easier!

Gardening club is not on next week, but will commence the following week with a focus on the Christmas dinner table decoration.



FOWS

Thank you to all those who attended the AGM. New friends team announcement soon!

Thank you to all of the parents who have contributed to the replacement school banner: The parents of Jake and George, Rosie, Daisy and Amalie.

Thank you to the parents of Darius, Benjamin and Abigail for the donation of a replacement hose for forest school.

Communication about the upcoming Christmas festivities will be issued soon.

Lunches

Please book your child's lunches on Wisepay. If the deadline, for ordering is missed, please provide your child with a packed lunch. We politely request that no nuts, in any form, are brought into school, due to severe nut allergies in our school community.

As you may be aware, St. Paul's are our lunch provider. We have recently been in talks with them about the low numbers of hot lunch uptake and how this is not financially viable for them, as a business. We are keen to keep them as our provider; however, this is dependent on more parents choosing St. Paul's lunches on Wisepay.

If we can't raise the number of children selecting their lunches, we may be in the position of losing our contract with them. We have looked into other providers, but due to the very small numbers of lunches being ordered, other companies won't take us on. We have also considered providing lunches on site, but do not have the required facilities, in school, to make, store and serve hot lunches. We appreciate that some children have sensory needs around food and have to have specific food provided by home, but would urge parents to go through the menu with children to see if there are any meals they would like, throughout the week.

Dates for the diary

Key dates for the diary can be found on the school website and on class pages of the school website.



4th December Christingle- children only- in school

5th December village Christmas tree decoration Jubilee Hall pm

8th December Mr Dunham music festival school hall

11th December Nativity dress rehearsal Jubilee Hall 1.30-2.00pm

11th December Nativity performance 5.00-6.00pm

16th December Panto afternoon- later return possible

17th December Christmas jumper day

17th December Christmas fayre FOWS 1.15-2.25 pm school hall

17th December carols school hall

18th December Christmas lunch FOWS and volunteers

18th December Special visitor

19th Christmas movie morning popcorn and juice





Congratulations to the children who were awarded Star Awards and Golden Tickets, this week, for living our school vision and values-and shining brightly.

Star awards: Nyah and Charlie and Golden Ticket: Beren!

Well done and thank you for making our school the great place it is!



The winners of the house points, this week were Siskin house.