

# Whaddon Wheatsheaf



## Welcome!



Welcome to the Christmas edition of the Whaddon Wheatsheaf!

This half term has been filled with fantastic visitors, amazing events, festivities, celebrations and generous charity fundraising.

The children have all worked so hard this half term and have demonstrated fantastic application of skills and knowledge and have shown us their determination to improve and show off their talents.

During this second half term, we have: introduced our house groups, welcomed a super story teller, held a respectful remembrance service, raised 'lots with spots' on Children In Need day, and captured the essence of Christingle in church, joy, at the carol concert and anticipation, with Father Christmas!

We have been busy!



## Polite reminders

- Please be mindful of where you park at drop off and pick up times.
- Please ensure that your child's forest school clothing is washed and ready for the next half term
- Please check that all clothing is named
- Don't forget to order school lunches!



## Wrap around care

Premier Sports: every day

3.00-4.00 or 3.00-5.00

Book with their team, directly!

Breakfast club details coming

soon



## Compassion

One of our values is compassion. We strive to ensure that we live our values, not just know them. This term we are proud to have raised funds for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal £49.33 For Children In Need we raised a whopping £90.74 Well done, everyone!

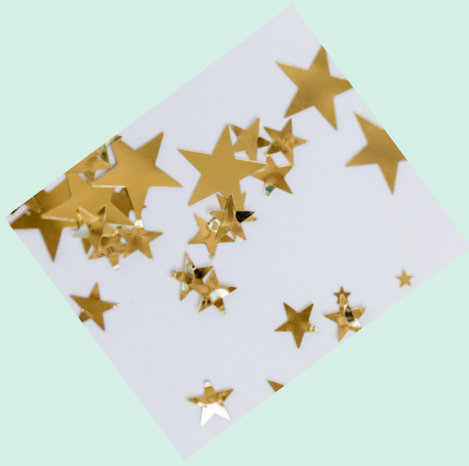
## Upcoming Events

- Term starts 4th January 2023 08.50am
- 6th January 2023 MK Panto- pick up time 4.10pm
- 10th January 2023 Open morning - New parents
- 6th February 2023 Installation of New play equipment
- Last day of half term 10th February 2023
- 13th-15th February Forest School Club

Visit our Class pages, on the school website, for more information on what we have been learning.

<http://www.whaddon.bucks.sch.uk/>





# Hedgehogs

Shout  
outs!



- Alma- Speaking up in class to share more often
- Arwen- Working hard to write your name
- Beatrix- Kindness and helpfulness to everyone
- Blake- Enthusiastic response to stories
- Elodie- Fabulous independent Learning ideas
- Emily- Writing your name beautifully
- Evie- Great progress in phonics / reading
- George- Working hard at phonics
- Harper- Joining in group times brilliantly
- Indy- Trying your best in all learning
- Izzy- Super listening and so hard-working - always
- Jake- Great improvement in handwriting
- James- Lots of wonderful creative work
- Macy- Great progress in phonics / reading
- Matthew- Determination to read and write
- Minha- Super ideas for writing and creative work
- Olivia C- Thoughtfulness and kindness to others
- Olivia M- Working extremely hard at writing
- Sadie- Determination to write your name
- Theo- Great endurance in completing writing tasks



# Squirrels

Shout  
outs!



Aaliyah - Writing amazing stories

Arthur - Passion for books and reading

Artur - Phenomenal Learning

Arlo - Sharing his knowledge and wisdom

Beau - Making great progress in all areas of learning

Dhwani - Looking after Daphne and being super kind, caring and considerate

Emily - Being a super role model, always

Elena - Being a super learning role model

Erica - Making me smile every day

Ewan - Brilliant, informative writing

Flynn - Taking care of the birds

Greta - Embracing new opportunities

Nyah - Bubbly personality when learning

Olivia - Reflecting on her own learning

Reece - Incredible homework

Rosie - Her dance moves whenever there is music

Sienna - Making great progress in maths

Tori - Willing to challenge herself in her learning

William - Proofreading independently

Zara - A positive attitude to learning



## Badgers

Shout  
outs



Archie - For amazing maturity in his Learning

Arrany - For wonderful persuasive writing

Bernie - For excellent attitude in PE

Callie - For incredible art work

Elizabeth - For continued perseverance in her writing

Henry H - For a great attitude in PE lessons

Henry W - For showing kindness and compassion in the class regularly

Indy - For her awesome persuasive writing

Isla - For incredible maths skills and can do attitude

Izzy - For continuing to show great compassion and friendship

Maisey - For her excellent ideas in writing

Mari - For her determination in Maths

Martin - For great progress in reading

Teddy - For brilliant stop motion work

# The fun we have had...



This half term, we have:

- Been visited by Chip the storyteller
- Observed Remembrance Day
- Celebrated Children in Need day
- Created Christingle lights
- Enjoyed a fantastic Christmas Lunch
- Collected for the Royal British Legion poppy appeal
- Sung carols in the courtyard
- Performed a fabulous nativity
- Explored and played in the snow!

Thank you, for your support!





So much fun, we couldn't fit it on one page!

## Hedgehog Learning Highlights



Another busy half-term!

We explored the theme of Night Time through a number of stories which inspired many varied learning experiences. We started with a BANG by creating firework artwork and Year 1 made some very informative safety posters.

Next there was more investigating as we learned about Nocturnal animals; Year 1 turned information about Hedgehogs into factfiles. We all made pictures of our chosen animals at night, The Owl Babies book inspired storytelling about these animals - Year 1 planned and wrote great pieces about other animals at night using their super ideas.

In Phonics, our Reception children have now covered 20 letter sounds and many have started to spell and read words. They have all worked hard at writing their names too. Year 1 continue working on consonant blend sounds and using them in reading / spelling in sentences. Reception Maths has involved using numbers to 5 and talking about whether groups of objects are more/ less or equal. Year 1 have been working on different ways to find and make Numbers 6 - 10 (number bonds) and finding patterns in these sums.

Finally, with Christmas coming soon, we have been fully involved with the story the heart of the Christmas celebrations: The Birth of Jesus. Looking forward through Advent with wreaths and Christingles reminding us that Jesus is the Light of the World, we then started telling the story through the songs and words that make up our Nativity. We hope you enjoy/ed it.

Oh - and Holly the Elf has been visiting us too and giving us Kindness Challenges! Let's keep up that helpfulness, smiles and good manners right through the holidays and into the New Term!

## Squirrel Class Autumn 2



It has been a great half-term in Squirrels Class!

We have completed our unit of work on multiplication and we have begun to explore division which we shall continue with, next term.

Literacy has been most enjoyable and Squirrels have really shone in this particular area this term. The children have been using direct and indirect speech, interesting vocabulary and have not been afraid to try using newly learned punctuation and grammar. The children completed a phenomenal newspaper report, loosely based on Little Red Riding Hood. Their report was about a boy and a bear.

Towards the end of term, the children have been learning to write blogs on a topic of their choice. You will shortly receive a link on Parentmail which will allow you to access their published blog.

Our Mantle of the Expert topic this term was Guy Fawkes. We looked at the period in history when the gunpowder plot took place; what life and times were like; what jobs people would have done; the types of houses people lived in and how life back in the 17th century differed from the current day. During Mantle, the children became tradespeople until one day when the mean catholic king, King James I of England closed down protestant businesses. The children completed their Mantle as members of a jury at the trial of Guy Fawkes to decide whether he should be found guilty or not of treason.

Our Mantle topic around the gunpowder plot led us nicely to explore science and look at 'light and dark'; what produces light and dark and why we need both.

Finally, blessed with snow to end the term, the school field and forest school were a beautiful picture of a white winter. Squirrels have celebrated Christmas the last few days in class by making Christmas cards, decorations reindeer food, gingerbread men, and snowflakes, and singing Christmas carols like the sound of angels. A wonderful time of year!



## Badgers class



This half term, we have continued to work as researchers for the BBC, exploring how to write scripts effectively.

Alongside this, we have also explored the story of Romeo and Juliet and the way that the script and stage directions were written.

In French lessons we have been describing foods and drinks and we created a menu of French foods that we would be interested to try!

Whilst learning about the Vikings, we have used Lego and iPads to create stop motion films showing our knowledge of Viking life.

Music lessons, this term, have focussed on learning the recorder and also practicing the carols for our end of term carol service.

In PE, we have been learning about how to hit a variety of shots in Badminton, as well as looking at team skills across other sports.

# Friends of Whaddon



The Friends of Whaddon have continued to drive the school's fundraising projects to: purchase more I-pads, provide the annual pantomime visit and many, many more projects!

This Christmas was made very special by the truly heart-warming (and delicious) Christmas lunch for the children and staff! A wonderful time was had by all! The children haven't stopped talking about it!

Without their support and relentless dedication, we would not have what we have, nor would we be in a position to plan our new project of developing the school library.

THANK YOU!

We look forward to working closely with The Friends to come up with some exciting and fun fund raising ideas.

We can't make our plans a reality without your support, so, if you can help at any events, please let us know.



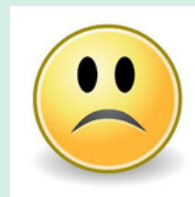


Big thank you shout outs to those who have helped our school stay a safe and fantastic place to learn.

Sam Gold Tree surgeon      Forest School parent volunteers  
Mrs Grigore's generous donation of books      Janet- volunteer readers  
Mrs McKee Music lessons      Paul Guitar teacher  
Nathan - repairs to school site      Miss Lawrence- lunchtime care  
Reverend Dove- spiritual guidance      Village Hall- loan of the hall  
Parish Council- Whaddon planning guidance  
Chip Colquhoun- storyteller      Clare Garland-Breakfast club care  
Father Christmas for the presents



Good bye...



Sadly, after 17 years of involvement in the life of the school and running the breakfast club- making many of our children, "the best toast ever "each morning, we are having to say good bye to Mrs. Garland.

Mrs. Garland is pursuing an exciting opportunity with Purple Bricks estate agency and although we are very sad to see her go, we wish her well with her next adventure.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for every early morning and for ensuring the children of Whaddon C of E School have the best start to the day possible. We will miss you!