



Whaddon C of E School newsletter number 9

10th December 2024

Super stars and golden tickets

Congratulations to those children who shone brightly, last week and who were awarded star certificates and golden tickets. By living our values and upholding our vision, your hard work has made our school a better place. Congratulations to those pupils who have achieved success outside of school.

Badgers DT

In their Design and Technology unit, this half term, -seasonal food, Badgers class have made savoury tarts with seasonal ingredients. This week, they have interviewed Ms Lawrence about where our school food comes from and how we make sure the food is good to eat; at break and lunch time.

Packed Lunch dates

Please ensure that your child had a packed lunch, for the following dates: 12th and 17th of December. These are the nativity and panto dates. We are having packed lunches on these dates, so the children can eat a little earlier, so that they are ready for the events following on from lunch time. Please do not send in any items that include nuts- this includes chocolate/nut spread.



Christmas post box



Our Christmas post box is in residence, in the main school building. Foxes will sort and deliver the cards to the classes. Please ensure the name of the person being sent the card and their class is on the envelope. We do have more than one child with the same name, so please use the first letter of the last name to help us get the cards to the right person. **The last date for deliveries is: 19th December 2024.**

Musical performance with Mr Dunham

The children who have participated in music lessons with Mr Dunham will be sharing their musical talents in a special concert at 08.40am, in the school hall, on 12th December. Everyone is welcome. Please can the children who have lessons, ensure they practice ahead of time.

Nativity

The nativity will be performed in the village Jubilee Hall. Parents will be admitted at **4.40pm**. Please bring your child to the Jubilee Hall for this time, so that costumes can be organised in time for the performance. Please park safely and conscientiously.

If you would like to attend the nativity, please let Mrs Ellis, in the office, know how many seats you will require, so that we can ensure enough seats are available.

FOWS will be selling refreshments including: mulled wine, soft drinks, mince pies and cupcakes. These are available from 4.40pm until 5 pm, when the nativity starts. Card payments are preferred, but there will be a small float.

There will be no charge for attending this performance, however, we are grateful for and appreciate donations- to help us cover the cost of holding the nativity in the Jubilee Hall. We chose this venue to enable as many people to attend, that wish to. A donations box will be at the back of the hall on the night.

Parasites

We have had two separate reported incidents of intestinal worms/ pin worms in the school. We have taken steps to ensure that the toilets are cleaned more than once a day and disinfected, once the children are not in school and we are encouraging children not to put things in their mouths and the importance of hand hygiene.

Please re-iterate the importance of washing hands thoroughly with warm water and soap to help prevent the spread of the parasites, at home.

Christmas Fayre

Our FOWS Christmas fayre will take place, in the school hall, on 13th December. Doors open at 1.30pm for a 1.45pm start. Staff will bring the children to the hall. Similar to some of the May Fayre, this is a **cashless** event- tokens are available via this link <https://friends-of-whaddon-school.sumupstore.com/products>

Each activity has a token value.

If you wish your child to take part, but will not be attending yourself, please let the office know, so we can prepare the children.

Please let the office know, if you **do not** wish your child to participate. Like last year, we can make alternative arrangements, whilst the fayre is taking place.



Panto and after school club

Please note that we are taking the children to the Peter Pan panto, at MK theatre, on the 17th December.

We aim to arrive back at school by 4pm, but should we experience delays, we will communicate our estimated time of arrival via the Whatsapp groups for each class and via Parentmail. Please keep an eye out for alerts.

When collecting children, please ensure that sufficient space is left for the coach to drop the children off safely, outside the school and so the road is not blocked.

If you require a place at Sports4all after school club, please ensure you book ahead of time, so they know to expect your child. If they have no bookings, they will deploy their staff in other schools and this provision will **NOT** be available.



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FOWS Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day



On the 18th of December, the pupils are welcome to wear a Christmas/winter themed jumper with their usual school uniform trousers/skirt etc. Please ensure they have the name of the owner on the label.

The FOWS will be hosting our annual Christmas lunch. Thank you to all those who have volunteered time and/or food items. It is very much appreciated. If you are in a position to donate a food item, please click on the link <https://volunteersignup.org/XQHRX> to see which items remain on the list.

Christmas Movie morning

We will be having a movie morning, on the 20th December. The movie we will be watching will be voted on by the children and we will let you know shortly which film was chosen. Should you prefer your child not to watch the movie, other activities will be available. Please contact the office, should you prefer your child **not** to watch the movie.

Lunch time trial

We are extending the lunch time trial, to enable the hall to be free for nativity rehearsals, at an earlier than usual time. We have gathered feedback from pupils and staff and, on the whole, the feedback has been positive. As with anything in our school, we strive to ensure that everyone involved has their opinions heard and any ideas for improvements are considered.

Collecting children for appointments

If you have the need to collect your child early, for appointments, please can you let the office know, so there is no delay in preparing your child to go to the appointment with you.

Also, should you only be able to attend an appointment, during school hours, please ensure that your child is brought back to attend school for the remainder of the school day. Any appointments that are taken in the morning and the child does not attend in the afternoon, without good reason, will be recorded as unauthorised absence.

Clothing

For Hedgehogs and Squirrels classes, please can a complete change of named clothing be sent into school in a separate, named bag to ensure full access to outdoor learning and keep the children dry and warm in case of muddy puddles. In the same vein, please can forest school kit be kept in school all week.

For Badgers and Foxes, please can parents ensure that the children have wellies or a change of socks and shoes available to them. Please ensure all items brought into school are named in permanent marker; biro washes away making it hard for us to ensure all items get to the correct person.

Forest School

Forest school clothing and boots, should be taken home, after the last session on Friday 20th December, to ensure they are clean and ready for the New Year. Please provide a named bag for your child's clothing and boots to be taken home.

School lunches

Please ensure that school meals are ordered, by the deadline, to ensure your child has the lunches you require in the New Year. There is a Wisepay link on our school website home page.

Communication

Our website is a good source of information and gives you details about your child's learning, when you ask "What have you done today in school?" and they give the age old answer of "Nothing!"

There are also details of homework and vocabulary for the units they are learning- this is a work in progress. By sharing the key unit vocabulary in this way, parents can go through this with their children, so that they have a good understanding of the vocabulary meaning, ahead of their learning.

The next term Long Term Overviews will be available, on the class pages of the school website. Here you will find information on what your child will be learning, in the New Year.

Key dates for your diary (additions have been made)

**12th December instrumental concert with Mr. Dunham
08.40am the school hall**

12th December Nativity Jubilee Hall 5.00-6.00pm

**13th December Christmas Fayre School hall 1.45-2.45pm
FOWS**

17th December Whole School visit to the theatre Panto 11.45-16.00pm

18th December Christmas jumper day

18th December Christmas lunch FOWS

18th December A Very Special Visitor!

19th December Carols in the courtyard 2.15pm

20th December Christmas movie morning

20th December last FOREST SCHOOL session- Wellies and warm clothing are essential!



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