



Whaddon Weekly Newsletter

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

Challenging each other, through actions, choices and words, to be our best- so we can all shine.

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 compassion during their preparation for the Christingle service and in their considerations during the beautiful service. Thank you to the staff, children and Reverend Dove for providing such a spiritually nourishing experience. Our vision was truly lived, in that service!

The children have also demonstrated endurance when designing and making their Christmas tree decorations for the Whaddon Village Christmas tree, at Jubilee Hall. A variety of Christmas edibles were created using a range of materials, sewing stitches and hot glue guns. Thanks to the staff for the threading of many needles! The decorations were placed on the tree on Friday 5th December. Thank you to Suzanne, from the village WPC for arranging the event for us. It was a lovely end to the week!



Nativity



Rehearsals have been in full swing and the school has been filled with the joyful voices of Hedgehogs and Squirrels classes, as they practice their songs.

We are holding this wonderful nativity event, in the village Jubilee Hall. In order for us to ensure all, who want to, can attend parents need to indicate the number of seats they require, by emailing the office email. Holding the nativity in the Jubilee Hall means we have more seating availability, so bring family and friends!

Panto

On the 16th December, we are visiting the Milton Keynes theatre to see Goldilocks and the three bears. As is customary, on panto day, please provide your child with a packed lunch. We request – for severe allergy reasons- that no items containing any nuts (including Nutella paste) are included.



If your child requires travel sickness medication, a tablet for each journey should be provided and a form for the medicine MUST be completed.

The panto should finish in time for us to leave the theatre and return to school for the usual end of school timings. Please note that the time we arrive at school may be later than the usual 3.00pm. In this instance, we will communicate this through the key class Whatsapp groups to help you plan when to collect your child

Christmas post box

The Whaddon School Christmas post box is now in the main building. If you would like to send a Christmas card to a friend or staff member, please write their name, first letter of their last name and class on the envelope. Doing this makes sure it will get to the right person.

Last post is: **18th December.**

Thank you to the children in Foxes class who are sorting and delivering cards.



FOWS Christmas lunch



Friends of Whaddon School and generous parent volunteers are providing us with our annual **Christmas lunch**, on **18th December**. **Please let FOWS know, if you do not wish your child to participate**. The whole school staff will be participating, so arrangements for lunch time, on that day, can be confirmed with Mrs Prior. We are grateful for the time and food being provided to make this another wonderful Whaddon School memory.

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.

Wellies

Please ensure your child brings wellies into school. This will enable them to play on the field, irrespective of weather. Without wellies, children are not able to access the field. Please ensure your child's name is in their wellies.



Parent Questionnaires

If you require another copy of the questionnaire, please contact Mrs. Ellis in the school office. These can still be returned.

Thank you to those parents who have completed and returned the questionnaires already.

Dates for the diary

There are lots of Christmas events coming up, including **Christmas jumper day, which is 17th December**. Please don't feel compelled to buy a new jumper- decorating an existing jumper is a fun alternative.



FOWS

Communication about the upcoming Christmas festivities will be issued soon. **The Christmas Fayre and Carols will take place in the school hall, on the 17th December.**

School 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.

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 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.

8th 08.40am December Mr Dunham music festival school hall

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

11th December Nativity performance Jubilee Hall 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.

Star awards: Veronica, and Arlo.

Golden Tickets: Arwen and Kian.



These were awarded for living our school vision and values-and shining brightly in their learning.

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

The winners of the house points, this week were Robins- great team work!