



Tackley C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

What a week it has been!

This is without a doubt my absolute favourite week of the year, and for good measure this week we had a bit of snow thrown in too. I am so very proud of all of the children this week, they have shown real pride and determination with their efforts in their performances - not to mention the wonderful singing and acting skills shown as well.

A huge thank you to all our staff for their hard work and commitment, something as lovely as a Christmas nativity or play really shows what a great community we all work with here at Tackley, and I am immensely proud of all of my staff too.

It's a time of year for reflection too, particularly as I have nearly served a whole year as Headteacher at Tackley. It has been a whirlwind of a year, and I have truly enjoyed every moment of it. I feel very fortunate to be a part of the community of our school and the village, and have really appreciated the support given to me by parents and staff alike.

I hope you all have a happy and restful Christmas break, and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Mrs Murrey

New staffing

As you are aware Miss Sally will be leaving us at the end of the term. We wish her well in her new job and I am delighted to let you know that we have appointed Ms Ilott as a Teaching Assistant. She will be working alongside Miss Malone in Medcroft class.

Snow

I am hoping arrangements all worked well this week in letting you know that the school wouldn't be open due to snow. As always I am open to feedback, so if you think anything could have been done differently, in how and when we let you know then please share this with us via the school office.

Volunteers

On the subject of snow I have learnt this week that clearing snow and gritting are an enormous task with such a small staff. The staff here have all been amazing, arriving early on Tuesday to clear and grit footpaths and their commitment and hard work is really appreciated. If there are any volunteers who are willing to be added to a list to help clear paths, in the event of snowy weather in the future, then please let the school office know. Your support and help is really appreciated.

Straw and Order

On the afternoon of Wednesday 13th December 2017, Nethercote class performed their Nativity, Straw and Order. Lines had been learnt, songs had been sung and Miss Murphy was extremely proud of how well all the children had done. We had Shepherds on walkie talkies, sheep watching TV and even had wise men claiming to be handsome! There was a song that the children particularly loved called 'The Sheep Shimmy' where they got to dance too! It was a lovely occasion where the hall was filled with parents and grandparents cheering the children on.

Born in a Barn

On Tuesday morning Medcroft class performed their Christmas Nativity, Born in a Barn. All of the children gave wonderful performances, particularly considering our dress rehearsal was cancelled due to the snowy weather. The singing was amazing and lots of the children had a lot of lines to remember and spoke them loudly and clearly. It was fantastic for the children, who had worked incredibly hard to make the performance a success, to see so many people turn up to watch the show - a huge thank you to everyone who joined us on Tuesday, we are sure that you are glad that you did!

Nethercote World War One Day

Nethercote Class had the privilege of visiting Hill End for the day to take part in a World War One Experience Day. On arrival, we were greeted as troops by two officers who looked the part. We marched through the woods to an abandoned house that really was used during World War One. We learnt that the grounds in Hill End were used to train real Oxfordshire troops during World War One. We engaged in some fun activities, such as crawling under (pretend!) barbed wire across no man's land and trying to get back to base, through the woods, without being seen by an officer. It was a fantastic day where we gained new knowledge about the topic and also showed the knowledge we have learnt over the course of the term. Miss Murphy was impressed!



Singing at the Silver Threads



On Wednesday 6th December a group of Key Stage 2 children entertained the Silver Threads group with a medley of Christmas songs at their Christmas Lunch. All the people watching cheered and clapped and we all loved performing for them.

Erin R, Zoe R and Isaiah C.

Christingle Service

On Wednesday 6th December after school it was the Christingle Service. When it started we sang songs, read readings and learnt about each part of the Christingle orange. Thank you to Mrs Pitts for providing the oranges and to Pam and Helen Laughton for helping up to make the Christingles in school in the morning. Thank you to Rev.d Green for leading the service. It was a beautiful celebration and we all enjoyed eating the sweets afterwards. By Harry S. Thank you too for your Christingle Candle donations which raised £89.46 for The Children's Society.



Christian Aid 'Big Christmas Sing'

We took many weeks to perfect our song, Christ was born for me, and after waiting for what seemed ages, it was finally the day to perform in Oxford Town Hall! Everyone was well behaved and enjoyed the special day. Miss Holliday was an amazing conductor and Miss Murphy was a great piano player. All the parents loved our song and were very supportive, even when we were practising in the middle of the night. By Niamh H.

Rousham Egyptian Museum

Rousham class spent weeks creating their own artefacts to show last Thursday. Every child made their own creation, these are some of them: shaduf, sphinx, pyramid, canopic jars, scarab beetles and sarcophaguses. Many parents commented on our hard work, "Thank you for a wonderful museum experience. It felt like I was in Egypt! Well done everyone." We hope you all enjoyed our Egyptian Museum. Many thanks to Miss Hill for letting Rousham Class put up an Ancient Egyptian Museum. By Isabelle D and Saffron H.

Remembrance Sunday

Thank you to everyone who bought poppies and goods in the week leading up to Remembrance Service. The collection at school contributed £135.15 towards the village total of £1466.47.

Consultation on Admission Arrangements for 2019/20

As required by the School Admissions Code, the Governors of Tackley CE Primary School have initiated a consultation period on the Admissions Policy for 2019/20, which will run until 31st January 2018. For more information please visit our website www.tackley.oxon.sch.uk . If you require a hard copy, this can be requested by emailing the school office at office.3144@tackley.oxon.sch.uk , telephoning 01869 331327 or writing to Tackley CE Primary School, 42 St Johns Road, Tackley, Oxon, OX5 3AP. Any comments on, or objections to, the proposed arrangements can be made direct to the Headteacher, Mrs Lauren Murrey, 31st January 2018, using any of the methods above.

PTA—The wish list to benefit our children!

We would like to invite you to the school hall for seasonal drinks and mince pies prior to this evening's KS2 Christmas Celebration. We will be serving from 5.15pm onwards and will also be selling raffle tickets to win one of three lovely hampers, including a chocolate one! Thank you so much for your continuing support of the PTA. We wish you a Happy Christmas and all the very best for 2018.

Future School Events : 2017-2018

Thursday 14th December	6pm KS2 Christmas Celebration in the Village Hall
Friday 15th December	Christmas Jumper Day and themed activities
Monday 18th December	1.45pm Christmas Service at St Nicholas Church
Tuesday 19th December	3.00pm End of Autumn Term 2
Thursday 4th January 2018	8.45am Start of Spring Term 1
Tuesday 9th January	First Year 2 swim
Wednesday 10th January	First Fizz Pop Science Club

St Nicholas Church Events

Every Sunday	5.30pm Evening Services, all welcome
Sun 17th December	5.30pm Carol Service

Tackley Methodist Church Events

Sat 13th December	What's New?
Sat 10th February	Friendship