



Tackley C of E Primary School Newsletter 2018/2019

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Dear Parents/Carers
It's that most wonderful time of the year!



We have had a busy last few weeks of term with school trips, Nativity productions and our KS2 Christmas Carol concert. The children all performed really well in their parts, and it was good to see so many children proudly sharing their talents. A huge thank you to all of the parents who supported these events, the PTA for their time organising the hampers and selling refreshments to the staff for that extra mile they go at this time of year. It is always really appreciated.

I am delighted to inform you that the Department for Education agreed our proposal to extend our age range this week. All parents who have expressed an interest in Nursery provision for three year olds will be contacted today, and we are looking forward to welcoming three year olds to Tackley School from Monday 28th January 2019.

All that leaves me to say is have a very Happy Christmas and peaceful new year. I look forward to seeing you all again in January. Many thanks for all your continued support of our school.

Mrs Murrey

Well done to

Learning Power Certificates	
Jack F Árann L-P	Spencer B Phoebe T



Breakfast Club

Thank you to all the parents that replied to our questionnaire about Breakfast Club provision. I have included the results attached to this newsletter and there was an overwhelming support for such a provision in our school. We are now working on a proposal for staffing and resourcing a Breakfast Club, and will continue to keep you updated.

Focus on Harborne Class

Harborne Class have been keeping busy at this festive time of year with Christmas co-ordinates and using their creative skills to produce intricate decorations. Last week the children worked hard learning their lines which they all delivered brilliantly for the KS2 production. As always, I am tremendously proud of my class and of all they have achieved. I wish them all the best for the following terms with Miss Holliday and of course for the future.
Thank you for being a great class. Mrs Skinner

Rousham Class to The National Space Centre

As soon as Rousham Class got to the amazing National Space Centre, we were instantly filled with excitement. There were two HUGE rockets that took our breath away! A big glass case showed all the different layers of a space suit (it had 17 layers). To get to the top of the building, we had to climb 142 STAIRS! On the way back to school it got really dark really quickly and it started to rain. It was 5.15 when we got back, it had been an incredible day. By Alex M



'Shine Star Shine!'

We were all so proud of Medcroft as they took part in their first Nativity play. All the children sang beautifully, joined in with all the actions and remembered their parts brilliantly. The big star shone, everyone sparkled and the children looked wonderful in their costumes.

'Whoops a Daisy Angel'

What a five star performance Nethercote gave at their recent performance of Whoops- A-Daisy Angel. The children shone in the limelight when they debuted their 2018 nativity to their parents, family and friends. The Matinee performance was a complete sell out with people travelling from all across Tackley and surrounding areas to see the musical delights in the all singing, all dazzling show. It was obvious that the mini stars had worked incredibly hard to learn all their songs, lines and actions. The costumes were show stopping and I think that huge praise should be given to the costume designers behind the scenes (you know who you are!) who clearly had gone above and beyond to ensure that everyone looked the part. With the 2018 show being a huge success we are already looking forward to what 2019 has in store for us.

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KS2 Christmas Celebration

On Thursday 13th December, Harborne and Rousham classes performed at the village hall for family and friends. They presented their performances at 2.00 and 6.00 and thoroughly enjoyed sharing their poems and festive songs. We hope that everyone who came to watch our celebrations of Christmas enjoyed it as much as we did. Merry Christmas! By Erin R

Alby the Penguin Saves Christmas

Medcroft had a fantastic time when we travelled into Oxford to watch the Christmas production of Alby the Penguin Saves Christmas. The play was very interactive and the children learned the penguin flap, helped Father Christmas sort his presents, sang songs to help Alby and threw fish at a seagull! The children were all fully immersed in the whole experience and continue to talk about all the fun we had.



Lunch Payments

Please can all parents and carers check their ParentPay accounts and clear any outstanding lunch payment balances before the end of term. If you are unable to access ParentPay please contact the School Office who will be able to help you. Thank you.

Christingle Service

Thank you to all children and parents and family members who joined us at St Nicholas Church for the annual Christingle Service. The church looked beautiful all lit up with the Christingle candles. Thank you to Mrs Pitts for providing the oranges and to Mrs Helen Laughton and Mrs Pam Laughton for coming into school to help the children make the christingles in the morning. Thank you also for your Christingle Candle donations which raised £130.07 for The Children's Society.

Genius Hour

For her Friday afternoon Genius Hour Pandora C decided to make teddy bears to raise funds for Cancer Research UK in memory of her godmother. Pandora made 30 bears, the bears have been sponsored, raffled and donated to children affected by cancer. At school she organised a raffle of 4 of the bears which raised £74 in school. This has been added to Pandora's Project Cathy Bear fund and the total she has raised so far now stands at over £1,800. The fund will close on Christmas Eve - congratulations Pandora for this fantastic initiative. <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/project-cathy-bear>.

PTA

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas events. We raised a whopping £455.00 from the Festive Sausage sizzle, Performance refreshments and Christmas raffle, all of which will go towards our new school library. Thank you too to Oxford Edens for their £5 donations to school from Christmas trees purchased through them, raising £75. Father Christmas visited the children at Tackley Grotto on Wednesday afternoon and gave each child a Christmas gift book. Any unwanted books can be donated to the school. West End in Schools performed 'Dick Whittington' to the children today too which was great fun.

Without your generous donations, these treats simply cannot happen.

2018 has been a fun-filled and hectic year fundraising for our school. We are inching closer to making our library actually happen and hope to launch plans including costs, visuals and all the details in early 2019, so watch this space!

Thank you for all your support this year, it's invaluable.
Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and all the very best for 2019.

Extreme Weather Conditions Warning

May we remind you of the arrangements in the event of severe weather or other unforeseen circumstances when it may be necessary for the school to close at short notice. In these situations, the school puts into operation an Emergency Closure Procedure. We will do our utmost to keep the school open wherever possible. Should we be in the position of not having sufficient staff to open the school for the safety of children, we will put a 'closure notice' on the school website (www.tackley.oxon.sch.uk), Twitter and contact local radio stations. It will also appear on the Oxfordshire County Council website—<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/school-closures>.



Starting Primary School—September 2019

Is your child or any child you know turning 5 between September 2019 and August 2020? Then please apply for their Primary School place online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions. The closing date is 15th January 2019. If you know any parents who are considering sending their child to Tackley School please ask them to contact the school office to arrange a visit.

Future School Events : 2018-2019

Friday 21st December	3.00 End of Autumn Term 2
Monday 7th January 2019	8.45 Start of Spring Term 1
Tuesday 8th January	First Year 2 swim
Wednesday 9th January	5.30 KS2 SATs Information Meeting
Tuesday 22nd January	7.00 PTA Meeting (in school)

Future School Events : 2018-2019

Thursday 24th January	11.45 Medcroft Parents Lunch
Wednesday 23rd January	3.15 Y1 Phonics Check Information Meeting
Thursday 31st January	Y6 Junior Citizen
Thursday 7th February	3.30 Tackley Praise—St Francis (Animal Blessing) at St Nicholas Church

St Nicholas Church Events

Every Sunday	5.30pm Evening Services, all welcome
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Tackley Methodist Church Events

See village noticeboards for dates	Messy Church
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