



Tackley C of E Primary School Newsletter 2019/2020

Autumn Term Issue 7

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Thursday 5th December 2019

The staff and children are taking part in the Wellbeing Advent Calendar created by YoungMinds in the lead up to Christmas. Children have been thoughtful and reflective about thinking about others. Have a look on Twitter for some of the photos and activities that we have been doing.

I hope you all received the letter this week about After School Club provision. Oxford Active will be in school in the future providing parents with additional information about bookings and activities. If you are considering using this provision please do make time to come and see what Oxford Active have to offer.

Mrs Murrey

Congratulations to

Learning Power Certificates	
Percy H-L	Stella O'M
Heidi L	Katie F
Sophie H	Ben J
Max D	Grace B
Chloe C	Clemmie M



Stars of the Week	
Max J	Jack F
Benjamin B	Stan L
Islay L-P	Chloe C

Christmas Jumpers

If children would like to wear a Christmas jumper or home decorated festive jumper on Wednesday 18th December they are welcome to. We are asking for a donation this year of a £1 to go to Save the Children. Our Eco Council are also educating us to think sustainably too, and so if you have any Christmas jumpers that your children no longer fit into or no longer need we are asking for these to be donated to school. We will then put all the donated jumpers out to be re-used by other families for a small donation on Friday 13th December.

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—

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/emergency-school-closures>



Christmas Activities

The children are working hard learning lines and practising songs for their Christmas performances. Below is a summary of whole school and individual class events. Please join us in St Nicholas Church for the Christingle and Christmas Service.

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Thursday 5th December	3:30	Tackley Praise - Christingle	St Nicholas Church
Tuesday 10th December	9:30	The Nativity - Early Years	School Hall
Wednesday 11th December	1:45	Cock a Doodle Christmas - Nethercote	School Hall
Thursday 12th December	2:00	Key Stage Two Celebration	School Hall
	5:00	Drinks	Courtyard Area
	6:00	Key Stage Two Celebration *	School Hall
Monday 16th December	1:45	Christmas Service	St Nicholas Church

* 2 tickets per Key Stage Two family will be sent home with children on Monday 12th December. Tickets are not needed for the afternoon performance.

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School Development Plan

One of my roles as a governor is to monitor a specific area of the School Development Plan (SDP) which for this academic year is 'raising standards of Maths across the school'. As part of this I met with Mrs Barnett who is the link teacher for this subject and we went through the actions for the Autumn Term. We reviewed what has been implemented to date and what impact this has had across teaching and learning of Maths within the school. We also did a 'learning walk' through the school where we observed the teaching of Maths in each class, focusing on problem solving and reasoning, looked at books and speaking to pupils. The children in all classes were engaged in lessons, could explain when questioned what they being asked to do and also said they liked doing Maths! After the class visits, we reconvened and identified some areas for development and agreed actions for the remainder of the term.

Matt Mead, Vice-Chair of Governors

Ask Mrs Barnett our Maths Leader

I'm sure lots of you have quiet Christmas holidays planned with lots of spare time (!!). If you have some time to fill, here are some nice Christmas activities to keep you busy! <https://matr.org/blog/christmas-maths-activities-for-parents/>

Overdue Payments

As we near the end of term please can all parents check their ParentPay accounts and complete outstanding payments and contributions for lunches, nursery sessions and school trips.

Winter PE Kit

Please can I ask all parents to ensure that their child has both jogging bottoms and a long sleeved jumper/hooded top in school for PE. PE lessons still take place outside in winter and it is essential that your child is properly equipped for this. Can I also ask parents to ensure that their child's PE kit is in school all week. We will send emails home to let parents know when their child has forgotten their PE kit.

Focus on Medcroft Class

Medcroft have already got into the festive spirit and had a great Open Afternoon making Christmas decorations to cover our tree! We would like to thank everyone who joined us for this. The children have been working hard on our Christmas Nativity and are really looking forward to performing it next week.

Reception have been writing labels and captions for pictures and have focused on one more, one less and sorting in Maths. We have been reading Winnie in Winter in Reception for our guided reading sessions, focusing on vocabulary.

Nursery have worked hard at learning Baa, Baa Black Sheep and have been developing their physical skills using the bikes, bats and balls, balancing and climbing equipment and moving around the outside area in different ways.

Skateboarding and Scooter Day

Everybody in school joined in our scootering and skateboard day. Cosmo was the expert and he showed us how to be safe on our own. We wore protective gear in case we fell off. Scootering was awesome because we learnt new tricks. We learnt how to flip a skateboard and hop onto it. By Alfie I and Stan L

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to look and purchase books at our recent Book Fair. With the sales total being £303 we were able to get books to the same value from the Book Fair for our library which is fantastic. Children can look out for the new books from next week.



Winter Mini Reading Challenge

Last week we sent out details of the Winter Mini Reading Challenge which is being run by Kidlington Library. The Challenge started on Monday 2nd December and finishes on Monday 13th January. It encourages children to read during the Christmas holiday and complete on-line reviews of their books. Please see the website for more details.

Menu Changes

On the last day of term we are swapping the menu to what it should be on the Friday i.e. it will be Oven Baked Fish Fingers or Cheese and Tomato Pinwheel, the dessert is Iced Fruit Smoothie with Fresh Fruit. NO baguettes today.

Primary School Applications for 2020/2021

Parents they can now submit online applications for children for Reception Year entry in September 2020. Parents should apply direct at: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/infant-and-primary-school>

The deadline for receipt of primary school applications is **15th January 2020**.

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ECO Council

This year we will be having eco-friendly Christmas crackers at the school Christmas lunch. Thank you to the PTA for the suggestion and for organizing them.

PTA

Jacket Potato Night

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the night and ordered a potato, we raised an amazing **£536**. Special thanks to Alex Machin for organising and running the whole show!

Christmas performances

We will be serving mince pies and hot drinks before each performance and raffle tickets for a chance to win a fantastic Christmas hamper.

There will be a sausage sizzle on 12th December before the 6:00 Key Stage Two performance. Please join us outside the school hall for hot dogs and mulled wine from 5:00.

Any donations of mince pies or Christmas biscuits would be very gratefully received - please leave in the office from Monday 9th December.

Future School Events	
5th December	3:30 Tackley Praise—Christingle (St Nicholas Church)
10th December	9:30 Medcroft Class Nativity Rousham Experience Christmas at St Nicholas Church
11th December	1:45 Nethercote Class Nativity
12th December	Medcroft Theatre Trip 'Breaking The Ice' 2:00 and 6:00 KS2 Christmas Celebration in the school hall
16th December	1:45 Christmas Service at St Nicholas Church
17th December	PM Aladdin Pantomime in school
18th December	Christmas Activities Morning, Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

Future School Events	
19th December	3:00 End of Autumn Term
6th January 2020	8:45 Start of Spring Term
7th January	First Year 2 swim
14th January	Year 6 Junior Citizens trip
16th January	5:30 KS2 SATS Parents Information meeting
23rd January	11:45 Medcroft Class Parents Lunch
29th January	3:15 Phonics Parents Information meeting
31st January	Reception School Vision Screening
5th February	3.30 Tackley Praise—Pets Service
14th February	3:00 End of Spring Term 1

St Nicholas Church Events	
Every Sunday	5.30pm Evening Services. 9.30am Family Communion on the last Sunday of every month. All welcome to all services.

Tackley Methodist Church Events	
See village noticeboards for dates	Messy Church

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