

# Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 2021 No. 6



Dear Parents and Carers



## Whole school visit to the Watermill Theatre

The Watermill theatre provided us with more than the 'bare necessities' of fantastic entertainment for our visit today. Their version of the Jungle Book was packed with wonderful inspiring music and dance alongside lovely messages about belonging and caring for each other.

We're very fortunate to have access to the Watermill Theatre and its beautiful local setting to provide children with this experience. We know that attending the theatre helps with children's skills in storytelling, language development and social communication and the oracy skills of the actors were very impressive. Best of all, it's something we do together as a school family!

Our children were a credit to the school and joined in with the performance whenever invited. They were also very tuneful on the journey home! Many thanks to Mrs Boyden for her work in organising this trip and to all the staff and volunteers who gave their support today.

## Anti-Bullying Week 2021

We have once again taken part in anti-bullying week 2021 as part of our planned activities to help keep children safe. The theme was 'One kind word' and our newly elected School Council took a key role in discussing the definition of bullying with their classes and ensuring everyone understood how to get help if they were worried about anything by talking to a trusted adult. Children were reminded of the anti-bullying posters on display around the school which had previously been created by our older children to help their younger peers. We were delighted when classes shared their thoughts and ideas in our whole school collective worship on Monday.

## Afghan backpacks

Here is a great example of compassion in action by our Kingfishers and Starlings Classes.

The children were inspired to action by the plight of Afghan children who have arrived in West Berkshire as refugees. We thought about how it would feel to arrive in a new country with few possessions and feeling sad about the country and the people we had left behind. Children raised funds to buy and fill two backpacks with writing materials and other equipment that the children could use at their new schools. They were very proud to share these and explain why they were needed in collective worship on Monday.

The backpacks are being distributed by West Berkshire Action for Refugees. Thank you to all the families of children in Kingfishers and Starlings Classes who supported their appeal.

## Pudsey pounds

The children had a great time piling coins onto our Pudsey on Friday. Thank you very much everyone as we raised £103.40 for Children in Need.



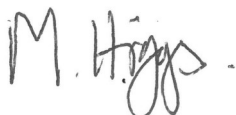
Friday 26th November 2021

### Great teamwork

On Monday 15th November, Mrs Hatton took a team of Year 5/6 footballers to take part in a tournament at Park House school. The children played excellent football and worked together as a team brilliantly. They played five matches and lost only one - to the tournament champions who didn't drop a match. We conceded only three goals, and two of these were in the final seconds of a game! Mrs Hatton was very proud of their teamwork, skills and behaviour. Well done George S, George E, Kian, Rocky, Henry, Lavinia, Noah C, William, Jacob and Toby. (And a huge thank you to all the parents for their support!)

We're looking forward to the start of Advent next week and our first House Group morning together for some time. Thank you in advance to our House and Deputy House Captains who have been very busy during their break times preparing their first House collective worship.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.



**Mrs M Higgs**  
**Headteacher**

## REMINDERS

### **Car Park**

Please be considerate when parking in our school grounds to drop off and collect your child. The spaces on the left hand side of the drive are meant to be used for people who can drop off or pick their child/children up quickly, rather than for those needing to wait for a long time. If you need to wait, please park in the spaces to the right of the main drive or in the spaces in front of the field to the left of the main school building as you come into the entrance gate. Thank you.

### **Use of Playground Equipment**

We would ask that **NO CHILDREN** are allowed to play on the school equipment in and around the playground. These areas are for use by the children during school time only and should **NOT BE USED** by children before school or after school. Our insurance only covers the use of this equipment with supervision by staff, who are trained in the correct use of the play equipment and we would not want any harm to come to the children without the correct supervision. Thank you.



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# School News

## School Individual Photographs—Friday 3rd December

The rescheduled school photo shoot by Creative Klick will take place on Friday, 3rd December. If you have any pre-school siblings that you would like to have a photograph taken with your older children, please come along to the Larks Room at 8.30am.



## Regular Activities in School

### Morning Active Clubs before school

Every Tuesday 8am—Tech Club (Larks)  
Every Wednesday 8am—Gymnastics Club  
Every Thursday 8am—Judo Club  
Every Friday 8am—Street Dance Club

### After School Active Clubs

Every Tuesday—Football (Years 3 to 6)

### Music Lessons during school time

Every Monday—Guitar  
Every Tuesday—Violin/Piano  
Every Wednesday—Percussion/Drums  
Every Thursday—Woodwind/Piano

## School Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December



We are looking forward to our School Christmas Lunch. Meals can be ordered online via the usual route but in order to get an idea of numbers, we would appreciate it if you could indicate on the attached reply slip what your child/children would like for their Christmas Dinner. Please complete the slip below to confirm and return this to us no later than Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

Please complete the slip attached even if your child is having a packed lunch on the day as this helps us to organise numbers and seating arrangements for the day.

On offer again this year is the traditional fayre of Roast Turkey with chipolata sausage, gravy with roast potatoes, fresh carrots and garden peas. Alternatively, the vegetarian option is a Roasted Vegetable and Stuffing Tart with the same trimmings. For dessert, there is a choice of Gingerbread Snowman or Chocolate and Orange Pudding.

Christmas lunch is free to all children in Years R to 2 and at usual price for all other year groups.

## KEY DATES

### Friday 3rd December

8.30am—Sibling Photos—please bring preschool children along for a photo with their older siblings

AM—Individual Photos—all children in school

### Monday 6th December

1.30pm—FS/KS1 Nativity—parents invited

### Tuesday 7th December

1.30pm—FS/KS1 Nativity—parents invited

### Wednesday 15th December

WEAR A CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

### Friday 17th December

3.20pm—END OF PUPIL TERM

### Mon 20th December to Mon 3rd January—

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS—SCHOOL CLOSED

### Tuesday 4th January

Inset Day—School closed to pupils

### Wednesday 5th January

9am—ALL PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL



## School Christmas Lunch Order Form

Please return to school no later than Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December

<b>Child's Name</b>					<b>Year Group</b>			
Roast Turkey		Roasted Veg Tart		Gingerbread Snowman		Chocolate & Orange Pudding		Packed Lunch
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