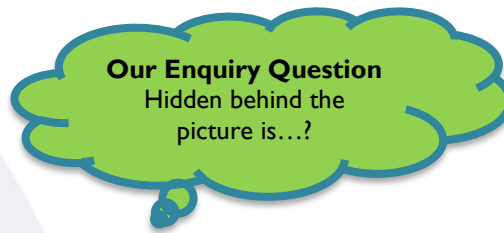


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**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Newsletter 15**

**Dear Families,**

What an amazing week it has been! We have had the whole school Santa Run, two fabulous performances from Early Years and Key Stage 1, a visit from Santa and a delicious Christmas Lunch singing along to Christmas tunes! So much happiness around school and so much to talk about. The children, as always, have made us so proud 😊.

This week we are pleased to announce our star achievers and look forward to seeing them on the Golden Table. A big congratulations to...

**The Nest**  
DJ, Grace  
**Nursery**  
Lennon, Grace G  
**Reception**  
Kamil, Andrea

**Year 1**  
Gabriel C, Betty  
**Year 2**  
Sienna SH,  
Patrick

**Year 3**  
Mali, Reuben N  
**Year 4**  
Roman, Jacob  
**Year 5**  
Dolly, Louie

**Our winning house is: Silver Birch House 😊**

**Our attendance winner is: Orangutan Class (Year 4) 😊**

**Well done everyone 😊**

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### A Christmas Wish

The children are thoroughly looking forward to performing to parents next week. Please come through the main school entrance at 2.20pm to take your seat. You will be asked to sign in and will be shown through to the school hall. Please can we ask that only 2 family members attend per child. The performance will start at 2.30pm promptly.

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3, 4, 5 parents



### Our Christmas Sporting Spotlight!

So, our Christmas Sporting Spotlight belongs to Mrs Burrige this week...

Each week Mrs Burrige attends training with Bicester Ladies hockey team to keep healthy and active. Having played at school, she decided to return to the sport after having children and enjoys exercising as part of a team. Mrs Burrige can usually be found playing in defense, competing in

league matches on weekends. It's a great sport and Bicester is lucky to have a fun, friendly and well-established team!

*Did you know that there is a women's squad, a men's squad and also junior teams - the Fox Cubs! Under 8s train on a Sunday morning, followed by under 10s. There is also an under 16s squad.*

Have a wonderful weekend with families and friends,  
Emily Holloway and the Gagle Brook Team

### Diary Dates

<b>Dates for your diary – December 2023</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> A Christmas Wish Years 3,4,5 – 2.30pm
20 <sup>th</sup> End of Term – normal time (3.15pm)
<b>Dates for your diary – January 2024</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> Back to school - Term 3
8 <sup>th</sup> Start of new enquiry question: <b>Can we investigate?</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> PSHE Curriculum Workshop for parents: Years 1-5: 2.45pm (in school)
23 <sup>rd</sup> Maths Workshop for parents Early Years: 9.15am TEAMS
25 <sup>th</sup> Maths Workshop for parents Years 1 – 5: 9.15am TEAMS
<b>Dates for your diary – February 2024</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> Our Learning Showcase for parents 2pm (Nursery 8.45am)
4 <sup>th</sup> Children's Mental Health Week
6 <sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day
9 <sup>th</sup> End of Term
19 <sup>th</sup> Back to School - Start of Term Four
19 <sup>th</sup> Start of new enquiry question – <b>What's between the pages?</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> PSHE Curriculum Meeting for parents: Years 1-5 2.45pm (Term 4)

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## A message from Mrs Whiskerd and Mr Latham...

**Our Physical Challenge of the month..... December has started!**



As December is here it's time for our next Physical activity challenge.....

I am pleased to say **“D” is for “Dotty Dogs”**

So this challenge will start in December until we return to school in January.  
The PLT Sports Crew will be setting up some physical challenges for the children to enjoy and complete during playtimes and lunchtimes over the next week in school linked to Dotty Dogs.

So the December challenge is.....

***Dotty Dogs December: How many dotty dogs can you do in a minute? Can you beat your score every day? Who in your family can do the most in a minute? Can you extend how many minutes you can do?***

***Here is a video to help you:***

<https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?&q=spotty+dog+exercise+description&&mid=D08E4598D3A8CCFAD776D08E4598D3A8CCFAD776&&FORM=VR>

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***Here is a video with some other ideas you might like to try to keep active at home with your family: [Joe Wicks: Top five exercises to do at home - BBC Newsround](#)***

***Good luck!***