



Swaffham Bulbeck & Prior Newsletter



December 2024

It has been a very exciting month in the lead up to Christmas with so many lovely experiences for the children. However, there has also been lots of learning and curriculum enrichment taking place as well throughout the school. It is no wonder we're all looking forward to a well-earned rest! Whatever you are doing and wherever you are spending this holiday period, I hope there is lots of peace and joy in your hearts. We look forward to seeing you back in school on the 7th January.

Year 5 and 6 Mini Medics Workshop



Year 5 and 6 were visited by Emily from Outline First Aid, who taught the children how to perform basic first aid. This included children practising the recovery position, CPR and what to do when someone is choking. We are all now feeling very safe in school with all of our Mini Medics! Your children can also tell you what you should have in your first aid kits at home, and where to find them.

They also had the opportunity to dissect hearts to learn more about the circulatory system. They were incredibly brave.

Year 3 and 4 visit to Cambridge Mosque



We had a really fantastic trip to Cambridge Mosque where we were able to learn more about the Islamic faith. The children were able to share the knowledge they already had and asked some insightful questions. We were impressed with how the architects managed to design a unique building which blends elements of Cambridge and Europe too.

We Went on a Bear Hunt!

Reception had an amazing day exploring Anglesey Abbey. They went on a bear hunt and found 10 beautifully decorated bears. They looked at signs of Autumn and ate their picnic lunch in the sunshine. The Hedgehogs and Robins have started to make friends and build relationships with each other which we hope will develop over their time in our schools. Both adults and children were shattered having walked over 12,000 steps!



Prickly Hay!



What can I say – Wow, just Wow! This is a highlight of the year. The children performed their hearts out and made us all so proud! I think there weren't many dry eyes in the hall by the end of the performances. The children and adults have rehearsed so hard to reach the high standard that it was. We received an email from an impressed audience member, 'The set and the costumes were a feast for the eyes and the singing and speaking a feast for the ears! Well done to everyone saying lines – I could hear every word. Well remembered! And the singing was joyful – enthusiastic, tuneful and infectious. I left with a big grin on my face, which has lasted all day.'

Christmas Jumper Day and Dinner

As always, Sally and Jo cooked up a delicious Christmas Dinner! It was a wonderful festive experience with everyone coming together with lots of social time! The jokeathon was led admirably by Orson and Jack. It is an annual favourite for all though next year I must remember to bring my ear plugs!

Christmas Service

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our worship at church. It was a special time where every child had a part in retelling the nativity story. The children sang with gusto and we remembered the real reason we celebrate Christmas. Blessings to you and your families over the yuletide season.



Christmas Fairs

Thank you so much to our wonderful PTA for organising the fair. These events add to the magic of Christmas and at the same time it raised £600.

Amazon Wishlist Book Donations

Another massive THANK YOU to all the families who have bought a book for school. We are overwhelmed by your generosity. Having new books inspires children to read and this legacy will keep on giving the gift of adventures and experiences to every child.

Thank you for the Music

We made sure that the last singing assembly with Mrs Andrews was a belter! We will miss her lots but she will be back to lead workshops. KS2 children can also sign up to the half term music school she will be leading at Bottisham Village College in February. The October music school was a great success.

Attendance

Despite the seasonal illnesses that are doing the rounds at the moment, we have maintained a very positive 96% attendance across the school.

Remember to phone or email the school by 9 am with a clear explanation of your child's symptoms. A reminder that if your child is ill with diarrhoea and/or vomiting, please do not allow them to return to school until 48 hours after the last bout. Schools are also required to maintain records of all late arrivals. Please remember to sign your child in via the folder outside the office.



Shoebox Update

Lucy Robinson and Sharon Gale (Ivy's mum and grandma) went to Bosnia recently to hand out the fantastic shoe boxes that were donated by our generous school community before half term. A huge thank you to everyone who filled a shoe box!

Volunteers

Our sincere thanks go to all of our fabulous volunteers who help our children by giving their time and expertise in all sorts of ways. Thank you so much!

