



NEWSLETTER

8th December 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

What a busy couple of weeks we have had and there are still plenty of activities planned for the coming week for the children to enjoy.

Break the Rules Day last Friday was a resounding success and thanks to the generous donations of parents, an incredible £265 was raised for FOWS.

I know many children have signed up for another exciting FOWS event, Afternoon Tea with Santa, on Friday 16th December. Although this is NOT a non-uniform day we are happy for children to swap their Wootton sweatshirt for a Christmas jumper on this day. There will be no charge for this. Sycamore class will not be having PE that day.

POPPY APPEAL

Last Friday, two members of the British Legion came to our Celebration Assembly to tell the children that they had raised £250.33 in the recent Poppy Appeal. This amazing total was more than any other school in the local area.



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so the school were awarded the British Legion Poppy Trophy, which will sit proudly in our school entrance for the next year. A huge thank you to everyone who made a donation to this very worthy cause.



Here are our worship leaders receiving the trophy.

EYFS/KS 1 PERFORMANCE

A **HUGE** well done to all the children in Oak and Willow class for their performance of the Nativity. The children retold the story of Christmas from the viewpoint of the animals who witnessed the birth of Jesus. The standard of singing and acting was extremely high.

It is amazing to think that some of the children have only been in school since September. A massive thank you must go to all the staff for their hard work in organising the play, especially to Miss Bradshaw, who oversaw the singing and acting.



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CHESTNUT CLASS ASSEMBLY

The children in Year 3 and 4 class performed brilliantly in their recent class assembly. We learnt about the invasion of the Angles, Saxons and Jutes and why they decided to settle in England. We were also told about the threat of the Vikings and the eventual conquest of William and the Normans. The assembly was packed with lots of interesting information and great songs. Well done to all the children and Mrs Khawaja.



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STARS OF THE WEEK



Friday 2nd December

Theme: History or Geography

Well done to: Thea, Chloe, Henry, Dan, Evan, Aarav, Blake, Teddie and Ruby.

Friday 9th December

Theme: resilience

Well done to: Arthur, Archie, Zuri, Bella, Charlotte, Myla, Dexter, Ruby, Marry and Megan

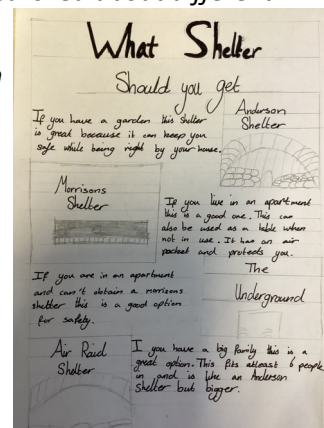
CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS



Many thanks to all the children who made decorations for our Christmas tree. We were so impressed with the creativity shown. We had decorations made from lolly sticks, card tubes, paper plates and pine cones as well as from small twigs and pom poms.

SYCAMORE CLASS

Sycamore class have been enjoying their topic, Coventry at War, this term. Olivia said *"this has been one of my favourite topics. We have learnt about the Blitz and how it impacted on general day to day life. We have researched about different bomb shelters and I am looking forward to making my shelter for a mouse. We are doing that next week."*



SEN INFORMATION

Christmas can be a very overwhelming time for children with additional needs, particularly those with neurodiversity's or processing difficulties. Please use these website which provide helpful tips in supporting your child at this festive time.

- <https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/additional-needs-disabilities/support-home-school/send-christmas/>
- <https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/topics/leisure/christmas/tips>
- <https://www.sensationaltutors.co.uk/10-tips-for-enjoyable-christmas-children-with-sen/>



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CHURCH SERVICE

On Thursday 15th December, the school will be visiting St Peter's Church for our Christmas Service. This will be led by the children in Oak and Willow classes. Parents are welcome but please be aware that space is limited so you may need to stand. If any parents can accompany us on the walk to the church, please let your child's class teacher know.

HOMEWORK

I would like to remind parents that we do not set any homework over the holiday. We want the children to have a well deserved break. However, we do recommend that children continue to read regularly and practice number facts. They will still be able to use TT Rockstars, Spelling Shed and Purplemash if they want to do extra.

ADMISSION TO RECEPTION 2023

There are still a few weeks to go before applications for admission to reception class close. If you know of anyone who has children starting school in September 2023, please let them know we are still offering tours of the school.



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ONLINE SAFETY

With Christmas only a couple of weeks away, we thought it would be helpful to signpost parents to the excellent Internet Matters website. This site provides lots of guidance on how parents can help their children to keep their children safe when online.

www.internetmatters.org/

At the end of the newsletter is useful Online safety Guide.

PARKING and SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL

Please can I politely ask that parents do not park on Alcester Road or in the lay by outside school when dropping and picking up children.

Can I also remind parents to closely supervise children when walking down Pound Field and when using the gym equipment at the start or end of the day.

MONIES OWING

Could you please check ParentPay and make sure that you have cleared all monies that are owed by the end of term.

ATTENDANCE

A high level of absence due to illness has impacted on our attendance over the last two weeks and it is unlikely we will now meet our target of 96% this term. Last week the attendance was 92.4%. Sycamore won our cup with a pleasing 98.8%

A reminder that we are unable to authorise requests for leave of absence for a family holiday.

Have a lovely weekend. There will be a short newsletter next week.

Sian Gair

Dates for the rest of the term

13/12/22—Oak class visit to Hatton

14/12/22—Celebration assembly at 2.40pm

15/12/22—Christmas Service at St Peter's Church led by Oak and Willow / Christmas Lunch

16/12/22—FOWS Afternoon Tea with Santa and Christmas Jumper Day.

End of term

3/01/23—Teacher Training Day.

4/01/23—Children return to school.



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Online Safety Guide

Children's use of the internet is becoming more mobile and interactive offering young people more opportunities to interact and meet new people, so it's never been more important to make sure you are helping your child stay safe in the digital world.

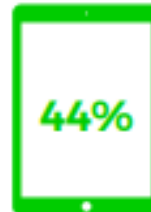


**15 hours
a week**

Children's internet use has reached record highs, 5-15 year olds spend 15 hours a week online



The number of children with a social media profile doubles between the age of 10 and 11. 43% of 11 year olds have a social profile



44% of 5-15 year olds have their own tablet and together with smartphones are the most popular for going online.

Get in control of parental controls



If using a smartphone, check content lock is set



Set parental controls on your home broadband



Control app downloads and purchases



Make the games console safe and secure



Use safety mode on YouTube and Google



If using social networks, check privacy settings

Go to internetmatters.org/controls for step-by-step guides

Managing privacy settings on apps

11-15 year olds use on average 5 different websites and apps to communicate with friends at home, the most popular being Instagram (60%).



Whatsapp



Snapchat



Instagram



YouTube

If your child is using these networking sites and respective apps, get up to speed on how they can manage their privacy settings with our "How to guides".

Go to internetmatters.org/back-to-school to download our "How to guides".

Helping parents keep their children safe online.

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Get familiar with regular conversations

- ✓ Start a conversation when your children will be more receptive and engaged, such as on the way to or from school
- ✓ Ask them for advice on how to do something online and use this as a conversation starter
- ✓ Make sure they know they can come to you if they're upset by something they've seen online
- ✓ Be sensitive and encourage them when they share their online experiences with you
- ✓ If your child talks about an issue with you, stay calm and listen without judging them

Check they know the rules

- ✓ Don't share personal information like their phone number or email address online
- ✓ Only talk to real life friends or family if they are on sites with a social media element
- ✓ Explain that people they meet online might not be who they say they are
- ✓ Tell them to be a good online friend and not to say nasty things even if it's just a joke
- ✓ Use secure and legal sites to download music and games
- ✓ Make sure they check with you before downloading any programs to avoid viruses

Key issues you may want to discuss



Cyberbullying

Prevention is always better than the cure when it comes to this issue. Help your child understand the consequences of what they share online and encourage them to be "kind online". If they are the target of cyberbullying, be sure to keep all messages as evidence and block the bullies on social networks.

For more advice about cyberbullying visit internetmatters.org/issues/cyberbullying



Sexting

There are many reasons why young people get involved in sexting; exploring sex and relationship or pressure from a partner or friends. Having an open and honest conversation about it can help them understand the implications of sending a nude image and highlight that it is illegal.

If your child has sent a nude image and it has been put online; report it to CEOP and contact Childline who can help you get all known copies removed from the internet internetmatters.org/issues/sexting

Want more help?

For step by step guides and advice go to internetmatters.org

To report an issue around a sexual image of a child visit ceop.police.uk/Ceop-Report/