December 6th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Reception Nativity**

Congratulations to the children in Ash and Hazel classes for their wonderful nativity on Thursday! The children really did ‘shine as lights’ and I’m sure their performances will be remembered fondly for many years to come. Thank you to the staff who helped to make it happen and to all of the families too for help with costumes, line learning, encouragement and for joining us for the show.

**DT – volunteers for sewing**

Over the next two weeks, the children will be sewing Christmas decorations as part of their Design and Technology lessons. We already have a number of volunteers for Key Stage 1, but if you would be available on Monday 16th to support in the classroom with threading needles and general encouragement for the children in **Year 3 and 4** we would love to hear from you.

**Online Safety Workshop for Parents and Carers**

Thank you to the parents who joined our Zoom workshop on Wednesday designed to support you in keeping your children safe online. We hope you found it useful. For anyone who was unable to attend and for those who did and would like some further information, please follow this link:

<https://123safe.oxon.in/online-safety-for-parents/>

**Toys in school**

We have noticed recently an increase in children bringing in toys from home. Please can you encourage your children to keep these things at home as it can be very upsetting for them if they get lost or broken and they can also prove a bit of an unwanted distraction during the school day. Thank you for your support with this.

**Stamps wanted!**

If you receive any Christmas cards through the post, we would be grateful if you could carefully cut around the stamps and bring them in to the office. We are collecting these to raise money for the charity Thrive which offers support to families in our school and the local community.

**Christmas Bazaar**

Due to the Christmas Bazaar there will be no hot lunches on the 13th December. If you would like to order a packed lunch for your child, you can do that on School Grid now.

Thank you for the donations you have brought in so far. Please see the note below from the PTA.

**Santa Fun Run**

On Tuesday 17th December the children will be taking part in a fun run to raise money for Katherine House Hospice. By raising £550, our school could fund a special Christmas dinner (and lunch and breakfast!) for all the patients on the hospice’s inpatient ward on Christmas Day. We will provide the children with a Santa hat on the day and each class will run together around the playground (weather permitting!). **Please send your child in to school in their PE kits and trainers on that day.**

If you would like to sponsor your child to run by making a donation to Katherine House Hospice you can do so using this link:-

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/wychwood1732543539883?newPage=true>

**Talk from Burford Headteacher on children’s use of mobile phones**

Mr Albrighton, headteacher of Burford School, will be joining our school on **Friday 24th January at 8:45am** to present a short talk to parents of children in Year 4, 5 and 6 about the use of mobile phones by children and young people. Following the presentation, he will then be available to talk to parents and answer any questions you may have about Burford School.

***A message from the PTA:***

*The Christmas bazaar is just a week away! Thank you so much to everyone who has donated so far! We are still a little way off what we need to make it a really fun day for all of the children! Please could you help donate the following per child:*

*- A parent or carer gift - it can be anything from a hand cream, a pair of socks, some chocolate, anything you think another adult might like to receive as a gift!*

*- Any good quality, preloved teddies / soft toys for the teddy tombola*

*- Any small party bag type paraphernalia for the lucky dip!*

*- If you haven’t already, please use ParentPay to make a £5 voluntary contribution to help us run the event.*

*Donation boxes are in the playground at pick up and drop off, or you can bring them into the office anytime!*

*Please let Daisy know if you can spare an hour or two to help next Friday - we are in need of a few more wrapping elves! You can WhatsApp Daisy on 07467 226640!*

*Thank you so much in advance for your help and support!*

*Wreath-making evening on Thursday 12th December:*

*We still have a few spots left for our fab wreath-making evening! Booking link below and event poster attached - we would love to see you there!*

[*https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1182981549*](https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1182981549)

*Thank you so much and have a great weekend all!*

*The PTA Team :)*

**Dates for the Autumn Term**

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| **Date** | **Details** | **Who** |
| 11th & 12th Dec | Key Stage 1 Nativity – 2pm | Year 1 & 2 |
| 13th December | Christmas Bazaar – non-school uniform | All |
| 17th December | Santa Funrun for Katherine House Hospice | All |
| 18th December | Christmas Lunch | All |
| 20th December | Christmas Service at St Mary’s Church | Year 3 & 4 |
| 20th December | Last day of term – 1.30pm finish  Christmas jumper day! | All |
| 6th January | INSET Day | All |
| 24th January | Talk by Burford Head – Mr Albrighton | Parents of Year 4,5 & 6 |

Thank you for your continuing support.

Katy Gent

Headteacher

Wychwood CE Primary School