November 29th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

**KS1 Pantomime**

The Year 1 and 2 children had a wonderful time at Chipping Norton Theatre this afternoon, enjoying the pantomime production of Jack and the Beanstalk. Thank you to all of the adults who helped to make this possible.

**Boccia**

Well done to our Boccia team of Year 5 and 6 pupils who represented our school so brilliantly on Monday. We hope you enjoyed the experience!

**Online Safety Workshop for Parents and Carers**

We are delighted to invite you to join a one hour Zoom workshop designed to support you in keeping your children safe online. It will take place on **Wednesday 4th December from 7:45pm (for a prompt 8pm start)** and we hope that many of you can join us then. Details for how to join have been sent to you and will be resent in a separate email on Monday.

**Reception Nativity**

The reception children will perform their nativity to parents on 5th December at 2.30pm. You do not need a ticket – we can accommodate up to 3 family members per child.

**Christmas Jumper Drop and Swap**

On Friday 6th December we will be holding our next Eco Council Swap and Drop Event - this time it is Christmas Clothes and Coats!

As you begin to get festive, we encourage you to bring in any Christmas themed attire that no longer fits (jumpers/ pyjamas etc) as well as winter coats. We will have boxes out on the playground near the WASP door from Monday morning to collect any donated items. These will then be put out on the playground on Friday 6th December after school, for families to pick up some 'new to you' clothes.

This is a lovely way to reduce waste and pass on pre-loved items to a new home (It also ticks one of the boxes on our Cut Your Carbon month!)

**Christmas Bazaar**

The Christmas Bazaar will take place during the school day as it has over the last couple of years. As a result of this the hall will be in use all day by the PTA. Therefore, there will be no hot lunches on the 13th December. The kitchen will, however, be providing packed lunches if you would like your children to have one. Please note that School Grid will automatically cancel all pre-booked lunches for this day due to the change of menu. If you would like to order a packed lunch for your child, you will be able to do so next week. Otherwise, your child will need to bring a packed lunch.

Thank you for the donations you have brought in so far. There is still plenty of time to donate items for the bazaar if you haven’t already done so. Please see the details below.

We are asking parents for a suggested donation of £5.00 which is payable on ParentPay. (With an option to pay a smaller amount too.)

**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:***

***Christmas newsletter from the PTA -*** *Complete with a DIY gingerbread house tutorial!*

*We thought it would be helpful to put together a newsletter with all the key details and ways you can get involved with our Christmas events at school this year - please find your handy reference guide attached!*

*Including information about:*

* *Christmas wreath-making social - all the details and how to book tickets (which are available exclusively to parents and carers until Wednesday 4th December, when they'll be released on general sale). Limited tickets available!*
* *The Christmas Bazaar - key information on what to donate and how, and a call for volunteers!*
* *The Eco Council's Preloved winter coat and Christmas jumper swap shop*
* *Our resident baker, Daisy, shares her tried and tested Gingerbread House recipe and tutorial, complete with template for creating your own Gingerbread House this festive season.*

*Thank you so much everyone - have a wonderful weekend!*

*The PTA Team :)*

**Dates for the Autumn Term**

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| **Date** | **Details** | **Who** |
| 4th December | Online Safety Workshop (Zoom) – 8pm | All |
| 5th December | FSU Nativity – 2.30pm | Reception |
| 6th December | Christmas Jumper and Coat Drop and Swap | All |
| 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 |

**Birthday Book Donations**

Happy Birthday to Poppy (Hazel), Emily (Silver Birch), Florence (Sycamore) and Olivia (Oak). Thank you for donating a book to your class. We hope you have a special day! If you would like to donate a book, please collect a donation sticker from the school office.



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Thank you for your continuing support.

Katy Gent

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