



Newsletter

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Orchid Class enjoying their Christmas Lunch

A very festive and sparkly welcome to this Christmas edition of our newsletter and, indeed, the last of 2016. So many great things have happened this year that I really do feel that, as a school and community, we have continued to move forward together in a wonderful way.

As always, Christmas in school is a very special time. In fact today the children will be enjoying a Christmas lunch followed by well-deserved parties with their teachers and the happy sound of music, laughter and fun will fill our school - everything a school should be about at this time of year.

In the past two weeks we have celebrated the Christmas season in many ways. Thistle and Clover class treated us to a magical performance of 'Born in a Barn', which was enjoyed by so many of you and it was so lovely to see the children confidently speaking, singing and acting. Creating such special memories for us all.



We have also, thanks to the incredible hard work, dedication and organisation of our amazing FoWS, held our Christmas fair which raised an enormous £1300. I cannot thank you enough for supporting this event which had such a lovely atmosphere and sense of occasion in the run up to Christmas.

On Tuesday of this week we all went to the church and celebrated our Christingle service with Reverend Joanna Abecassis, which was a wonderful occasion. Once again I was tremendously proud of the children in the way they listened, conducted themselves and most of all in the way they sang. The church was filled with good voice and festive cheer and was a great way to spend a morning.



Thistle & Clover Class performers



The children enjoying the Christingle Service

We have so much learning and progress to celebrate from this term and I would like to thank those of you who have continued to support the children with their blogging. As a school we have now received over 30,000 views and interactions from children and teachers around the world. This is a tremendous achievement, so thank you for continuing to show such interest in our day to day life at school and for adding to the audience which provides such an important part of the children's learning and confidence. There is so much to read on all of our blogs and I am incredibly proud of our children, so please visit westwoodblogs.org and click from there!



Our Broadcasting Team in Action

I must also mention the enormous success of our school radio station and the hugely positive impact that it has had on everyone this term, with every child in the school having been able to experience recording in our studio. Our broadcasting team have excelled themselves in their professionalism and confidence, producing shows which have been highly regarded by broadcasters in the radio industry and we have also been given the opportunity to visit BBC Wiltshire was the icing on the cake. There is lots to catch up with over the festive break, if you have the opportunity. Just visit radio.westwoodwithford.org/archive and listen again at your leisure! I look forward to much more in the New Year and our last broadcast for 2016 will be tomorrow at **11am**.

Lastly, I would like to say a huge well done to all of the children for continuing to work hard at their learning and to the staff for always giving their best in making sure that our school is a happy and productive place to be. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very merry and restful family Christmas

and a happy New Year. I do hope that you enjoy the break and immerse yourselves in festive cheer. If you are available, I will be serving mince pies, cake, tea and coffee after the Carols around the tree assembly in the meadow tomorrow afternoon. Please join me to see Christmas in together.

Ian Rockey

DATES FOR TERM TWO

Tuesday 3rd January - TD DAY SCHOOL CLOSED

Wednesday 4th January – Back to School

Thursday 19th January – Story Day

Friday 27th January – Maths Day

TEACHER TRAINING

Please make a note in your diaries that the school will be closed on Tuesday 3rd January for Teacher Training. We will see you all back in school on...

WEDNESDAY 4th JANUARY 2016



Tomorrow is Christmas Jumper Day and the classes will no doubt be filled with festive jumpers and cardigans. Please remember that the Christmas Jumpers should be worn with school uniform.



CLASS PARTY FOOD

Thank you so much to those of you who sent in food for the class Christmas parties. All the unopened packets, boxes and tubes are being donated to the Storehouse Food Bank in Trowbridge, to be given to those in need this Christmas.