
December 6th 2019 Newsletter

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Don't forget that we have our annual **Open Morning** 9:15 – 11:15 on 11th December! Current parents are welcome to join us – do spread the word about what the school can offer and bring along neighbours and friends.

Thank you to everyone involved in the **Key Stage 2 cross country** event at Goring this week. Sports leaders did a tremendous job and it was really impressive to see so many pupils really doing their best!

As a follow-up to the **Parent Forum Meetings**, we have written to parents of pupils in Owl Class and Owlet Class with more information about staffing arrangements for these classes. Please contact the school office if you would like a copy of this letter.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the wonderful parent volunteers who have worked so hard to put on the **Christmas Party** this weekend. What an amazing achievement to make it a sold out event! Thanks also to Mrs. Davies and all the pupils, parents, neighbours and staff who attended the **Community Choir** this week. It was great fun!

Warm regards,

Gillian Seymour



Upcoming Events

Wednesday 11th December

Pupils Christmas School lunch

Wednesday 11th December

It's a Party, Nativity 2.00pm
Everyone welcome

Thursday 12th December

Community Choir practice at
3.20pm

Thursday 12th December

It's a Party, Nativity 5.30pm
Everyone welcome

Children in **Owl Class** have been finding out about materials and their properties; they really enjoyed making models of their houses which we put together to make a model village. Doesn't it look fantastic?



More Important News

Open Morning

We are having an open morning on Wednesday 11th December, from 9.15 – 11.15am. There will be an opportunity for prospective parents to take a guided tour of the school while children get to spend some time in Reception Class exploring all Owllet Class has to offer. Mrs Wortley and Mrs Thomas will be on hand to answer any questions. Existing parents are invited to join us and enjoy a cup of coffee and a mince pie whilst chatting to prospective parents.

Parent Forum Meeting Feedback

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent parent forum meetings. We appreciate you having taken the time and effort to come and talk to us, and we hope you found the discussions informative.

We are proud of our wonderful school and its many achievements, not least the consistently excellent Key Stage 2 results achieved by Checkendon pupils. DfE figures place us in the top 2 local schools (out of 9) across a three year average for reading and for maths. We also offer a hugely dedicated staff team, small classes, strong school values, gold level sports activities and fantastic facilities. We recognise that flexing pupil numbers and an unexpected staff vacancy have led to a short period of uncertainty as we have had to review our plans. If you would like to see a summary of our arrangements for Owllet Class and Owl Class for the Spring Term and Summer Term, and for the new academic year 2020-2021 please visit the school office.

Christmas Post Box

The post box will be available in the entrance hall from Monday to post all school Christmas cards. School Council representatives will take responsibility for delivery of the post to recipients around the school. Please ensure name and class details are on each envelope.

School Christmas Lunch

School Christmas lunches will take place on Wednesday 11th December. If you haven't already done so, please could you go online and update your child choices as there will be no normal menu on that day.

Road Closure

We have received notification for a temporary road closure to apply to a section of Uxmore Road whilst clearing of blocked road ducts takes place. This will operate from the 17 January 2020 up to and including the 19 January 2020. Closure between 8:30 to 17:00 daily.

Rhino Class Visit to Christ Church Cathedral

Children in Rhino Class enjoyed a fascinating visit to Christchurch Cathedral on Wednesday. As well as touring the college and the interior of the cathedral, they learned about the history of the buildings, the Christmas story and the life of St Frideswide, the founder of Oxford. It was great fun spotting familiar settings from the Harry Potter films!



We have received a lovely letter from **Christian Aid** thanking us for our generous gift of £100.08 which was collected during our 2019 Harvest appeal. 'This is a truly wonderful gift which will make a great impact on our projects across the globe'. Thank you.