

BISHOP LOVEDAY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Be kind, be honest and have courage to live 'life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)

Friday 8/12/2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow! What an amazing week! The week started on Sunday with our Christmas Fayre. A huge, huge thank you to FOBLS and all of the volunteers who supported and helped out at the Christmas Fayre. The atmosphere was amazing and there was a huge turn out from our community, so thank you.

Yesterday, the children enjoyed a pantomime visit, which was kindly paid for by FOBLS. The laughter coming out of the hall was infectious and the children were truly inspired by the theatre company.

We also had our Santa Fun Run. A huge well done to the children and thank you so much for all of your donations. Katharine House Hospice is such a special place and I know it holds a special place in our school community's heart. If you would

still like to support us with this event and donate, please follow this link: <u>Bishop Loveday is fundraising for Katharine</u> <u>House Hospice - Banbury (justgiving.com)</u>

Year 4 spent the day today making lanterns ready for the Banbury Lantern parade in Banbury tomorrow (<u>Banury BID's</u> <u>Lantern Parade - Banbury Bid</u>). A huge thank you for all of the support with this event. I'm looking forward to seeing them in the parade tomorrow.

We have our SIAMs inspection next Wednesday - we're really looking forward to celebrating and showing the inspector all of the amazing learning the children have been doing. Our Carols by Candlelight will be held in the **school hall at 5:30pm.** Mulled wine and hot chocolate will be available with all proceeds being raised going towards buying new art trolleys and resources. The choir will be leading this event but all are welcome to come and join in with our festive singing.

We're looking forward to our nativities next week, the children have been working so hard and I know they are very excited to perform.

Best Wishes,

Dee Loader

Head of School

THIS WEEK... Important Dates Reminders Our Week of Learning Awards Sports FoBLS Other

Important Dates:

DECEMBER 2023	
Monday 11 th December @ 2.15pm	KS1 Christmas Play – School Hall Please line up at the Community Door, Photos will be available to purchase either 1 for £2 or £3 for 2 please pay in cash For the parents/ carers of 1CW and 2PS
Tuesday 12 th December @ 2.15pm	KS1 Christmas Play – School Hall Please line up at the Community Door Photos will be available to purchase either 1 for £2 or 3 for £5 please pay in cash For the parents/ carers of 1TS and 2LH
Wednesday 13 th December	All Childrens Christmas Dinner if booked via ParentPay
Wednesday 13 th December	All Christmas Jumper Day please pay £2 via ParentPay (Children should wear their normal school uniform with a Christmas Jumper over the top) Fobls will be taking photos of children in their jumpers and they are available to buy via ParentPay for £2
Wednesday 13 th December	All Secret Santa – Bring in your gift
Wednesday 13 th December @ 5.30pm	ALL Carols By Candlelight –SCHOOL HALL Mulled wine/ hot chocolate will be served for a small donation Choir please arrive at 5.15pm
Thursday 14 th December @ 2.15pm	<i>Early Years</i> Christmas Play – School Hall please line up at the Community Door
Monday 18 th December	All Children will choose a Secret Santa gift to bring home for their friend/ family
Monday 18 th December @ 2.15pm	Parents of Year 3 Christmas Singing and Craft Activity – School Hall
Tuesday 19 th December	Early Years Trip to watch Jack and the Beanstalk at The Oxford Playhouse Please arrive at school for 8:30
Wednesday 20 th December	Church Service all parents welcome at the following times: Year 5 and 6 @ 9.15am Year 1 and 2 @ 10.00am Year 3 and 4 @ 10.45am Worship Ambassadors will be speaking and have been given a church reading to practice
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of Term (After school and Wac to continue as normal)
Thursday 21 st December	School Closed for Christmas Break
January 2024	
Monday 8 th January	Inset Day – No Children in School
Tuesday 9 th January	School Reopens for Term 3
Thursday 11 th January@ 7pm Tuesday 9 th January	Young Voices Choir to perform in the Young Voices Concert in the Arena in Birmingham
	<i>Year 6</i> Junior Citizens trip to the Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue in Oxford
Friday 19 th January	Year 2 Trip to the Living Rainforest
Wednesday 24 th January	Early Years & Year 6 National Childhood Measuring Program to visit school to weigh and measure children in Early Years and Year 6 – More information to follow

Reminders:

ALL Clubs have now finished Except: Choir, Table Tennis, Dance, Karate, Activators, Theatre Group

Please remember when dropping off/ collecting your children from school/ WAC that no parents/ carers should be parking in the staff car park in front of the school, unless an agreement has been made with the Office.

We currently have a box in Reception for used stamps please can you drop in any stamps as they will be going to donations towards Katherine House Hospice.

Our Week of Learning:

Early Years have had such a fun week! We have been practicing our own Christmas play and watched the Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas play. We have had lots of fun completing Christmas activities, we have watched the play Sinbad the Sailor and completed the Katherine House Santa Fun Run.

Year 1 have written our own short stories based on The Snowman. We have learned about physical features of the Arctic in geography. In our RE lesson this week we have continued to reflect on our big question: Why is Christmas important to Christians by learning about advent: the lighting of the candles in the advent wreath, and what each represents, as well as what other world communities do to mark advent.

Year 2 have been writing about what happened to George's grandma when she drank the marvellous medicine. We have been learning how to use adverbs of time and expanded noun phrases to make our writing interesting and then editing our sentences to check for any errors. In maths we learned a new method when subtracting large numbers where we have to exchange a 10. The children have been working so hard on their Christmas production. We can't wait to perform to our families!

Year 3 have worked hard this week in Geography, locating places in the local area on an Ordnance Survey map using grid references. They took part with great gusto in the singing, boo-ing, hissing, cheering and general joy that the pantomime brought on Thursday morning and looked suitably festive in their jumpers and Santa hats.

Year 4 have had a very Christmassy week enjoying the Santa fun activities, a pantomime and making Christmas lanterns. Thank you again to all of the parents that were able to come and help!



Year 5 have had another busy week with their learning. We have finished our class read 'Holes' and have had lots of discussion, 'light bulb' moments and questions around how the plot developed through the chapters. In history, we have started to present our work on Greeks who have influenced the world today. The children thoroughly enjoyed the pantomime and Santa Fun Run thanks to FOBLS and Mr Whitehead for organising.

Year 6 have created their final drafts of their letters from the trenches of WWI, they have used a fantastic vocabulary and really captured the emotion behind the letters. In History they have enjoyed learning about the weapons used during WWI comparing it with the technology today. The House Captains have also been supporting the KS1 performances.

Wrap around Care have been busy with Christmas crafts this week, we have made crackers, delicious reindeer cakes and a Christmas tree decoration.



The BLS reading champions jumped on the B3 bus on Wednesday to visit Waterstones bookshop. The children were super excited to be in charge of buying new books for the school library! Without the support and grant from FOBLS, this trip would not have been possible and the reading champions would like to say a huge thank you to them.

The children were a credit to the school and chose some exciting new books from a range of authors. Thank you again to FOBLS.



Brilliant Learning Star of the Week:



BE KIND. BE HONEST AND HAVE COURAGE TO LIVE 'LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS' (JOHN 10:10)

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House Points: This weeks winner is....



Awards:



Edward B (EY) - passed his first Karate grading on Sunday and we are incredibly proud of him the day after turning 5.



William B (4RS) - gained his purple belt after working incredibly hard during a nearly 2 hour grading.

Bella H (5JM) – Received a Dance Show medal from The School for the Stars. Reuben S (1CW) – Received a medal and a Santa hat for completing the Mental Elf Festive Fun Run Evie C (2PS) – Received a certificate of Attendance for Jemstones



Nathan T (3DC) - took part in the 5km Katharine House Hospice Santa Fun Run at Spiceball on Sunday and did so well. He raised £75 in sponsorship.





Freya S and Jasmine D from 4RS took part in the 5km Santa Fun Run on Sunday, raising money for Katharine House Hospice.

Well done, we are so proud of you!

Sports: Santa Fun Run:



















FoBLS wish to thank everyone for supporting the Winter Fair and making the event a huge success.

We raised approx. £2,000 which is just AMAZING!

FoBLS



Lunchbox Project:

The Lunchbox Project are a local charity who support families in times of need. This year they aim to provide over 500 Christmas food hampers to families in Banbury and the surrounding villages. We appreciate that this is an expensive time of year, but if you are able to make a donation to the charity, however small, it would help to support the essential work that the project does locally.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Christmas-foodparcels?utm_term=QpjqVQX96&fbclid=IwAR2PhpOXaLfecpcjt_4AiYHabW5aKlfX_Q0VSmS2Zc8ZeQXw05rU45EYPcU





Dear parents and carers,

My name is Chloe Chadwick and I work for the Locality Community Support Service (LCSS) and I am the link worker for Bishop Loveday school.

At times children and families need a bit of extra support – and when that happens, it's ok to ask for help. As the school's link worker, I offer advice to the school about community support and Early Help. I can also refer and signpost to external agencies. School would gain consent from a parent or carer to discuss a family with me. Early help is there to make sure worries don't become bigger and to ensure families get the support they need at the right time. The aim of LCSS is to ensure families have their support needs met by agencies within the community. This could include support from school staff, health visitor, midwife, school health nurse, early years practitioner, doctor, voluntary worker or another trusted professional. Please see further information here: <u>Early Help and the Locality</u> <u>Community Support Service (LCSS) - Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (oscb.org.uk)</u>

For more information on what Early Help is please see here: <u>Early-help-guide-for-families-Sept-2023.pdf (oscb.org.uk)</u>

Many thanks,

Chloe Chadwick

Banbury Bid

Dear Parents & Guardians

We are delighted to invite you to the Banbury BID Lantern Parade this Saturday. This event promises to be a magical evening filled with light, laughter, and community spirit.

The meeting point for the parade is at the Castle Quay information point by the front of Lock29. The procession is scheduled to start at 5pm, and we kindly request all participants to arrive by 4:30pm. Please note that all participating children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the event to ensure their safety and enjoyment.

For those who have attended our lantern-making workshops, we have a special treat in store. Each child with a Banbury BID lantern will be given a voucher for a free hot chocolate, redeemable on the evening of the parade there will also be a choir in the Market Place singing Christmas carols and the Christmas projection will be on display. We encourage you to light up your lanterns and join us in illuminating Banbury with warmth and festive cheer.

Those without lanterns are still welcome to join in the procession.

After the parade, we invite you to continue the evening's festivities by dining at one of our many local restaurants. It's a wonderful opportunity to relax, reflect on the evening's events, and enjoy some delicious food.

We are excited to see you and your family at the Banbury BID Lantern Parade. Together, let's light up Banbury and celebrate the spirit of Christmas.

Merry Christmas!

Best Regards,

The Banbury BID Team

Other:



Dear Parents,



Cherwell District Council are developing a community led Vision for the future of Banbury town centre and can't do it without you!

We all need our town centres, not just as places to shop but places to work, live, study, access essential services and just relax, meet people and have fun. The best town centres respond to the needs of the people who use them, so we need to know what you think about Banbury town centre. Why you like it, and how you use it, or why you don't. And most importantly how you think it could be better.

We promise that the future strategy for Banbury will respond to what you tell us, and the more you can tell us the more targeted that strategy will be. So please take the time to share your views and encourage everyone you know to do the same.

Hard copies of the survey are in the Community Hub in Castle Quay Shopping Centre and translations can also be provided upon request, please e-mail banbury2050@cherwell-dc.govuk

Use the QR code above or visit <u>www.banbury2050.co.uk</u> to have your say.

Waterstones in Oxford is hosting a Christmas fundraising event on Friday 8th December from 5pm to 8pm.

More information can be found here: <u>https://www.waterstones.com/events/oxford-christmas-</u>evening/oxford

We've also been told that Robin Stevens will be there from 6pm, as well as Susie Dent (signing her new children's book Roots of Happiness) and three of the Repair Shop Experts! Please would it be possible to share with your staff, parents and carers as everyone is welcome! We hope you can come along to do your Christmas book shopping, enjoy festive treats and to see ARCh (we will be on gift wrapping service)!