



Newsletter 6 Autumn Term

27 November 2015

Dear Parents and Carers

Festival of trees

As you are aware, St Olave's annual Festival of Trees is taking place on Saturday, 5th December. As in previous years, the children are invited to take part in carol singing at the event. This is open to all children at our school, **not just those who are in the choir**, and has always been thoroughly enjoyed by those taking part. If your child would like to join in the singing, please ensure they are at St Olave's Church by 3pm on the Saturday. Christmas jumpers and festive headwear are encouraged! The church is appealing for donations for the tombola stall, which could be suitable for either children or adults. These can be left in the school office.

Children Singing for Children

The choir took part in the annual Rotary Club's Charity Concert at St Edburg's Church on Wednesday evening. The choir sang alongside other local schools and performed brilliantly. They were a credit to the school and gave a spine tingling performance!

Late-comers

On Monday, 16th November, there were 5 families, who arrived at school after the 8:50am start time. As I've mentioned before, teachers have planned activities for the morning that feed into lessons, and lateness can affect the children's progress. Additionally, it is part of my responsibility, as Headteacher, to monitor the number of times children are late and to report persistent lateness to the Attendance and Welfare Officer at the Local Authority. Under new guidelines, the DFE regards lateness as a safeguarding issue and one that **must** be followed up. I will, therefore, be monitoring lateness, in the future, in the same way as I monitor absenteeism.

News Regarding the Fireworks

FoFS raised the fantastic sum of £1723.76 at the Fireworks Evening. Thank you to all of you who bought tickets and helped to organise the event. All of the money raised goes to support the school and children for trips and equipment.

School Disco- Volunteer Helpers Needed

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help with this year's school disco on 14th December. If you could offer to help at either the KS1 (4.30pm - 6pm) or KS2 (6pm - 7.45pm) disco please let Anna Simpson know (annaandcolin@googlemail.com). You will have to have your DBS already in place in order to volunteer.

Cross Country

Well done to all the children who took part in the North Oxfordshire Cross Country Final last week! The conditions were less than ideal, but the children showed great determination. We are happy to announce that the years 3/4 boys team came first in their category and the years 3/4 girls team came second. Both teams will be going on to the Oxfordshire Cross Country Final next year.



Year 3/4 Football

Following their success in the Bicester Partnership Football tournament earlier in the term, Mrs Churchill and Mrs England took the Year 3 and 4 children to Banbury Football Club to take part in the North Oxfordshire Finals. The children showed great team work, playing brilliantly and sticking at it on a very cold afternoon. At the end of the day there were smiles all round. As always the children represented Fritwell

School well. Thank you to Mrs Ejiogu for organising and Mrs Churchill and Mrs England for taking the children.

Park Gates

The park gates will remain unlocked each evening until the After School Club is finished because of the darker nights, however please ensure the gates are **closed** when you walk through them.

Regards

Debbie McLeod
Headteacher

SCHOOL DIARY

- 2 December- KS1 Trip to the Pantomime
- 5 December-Festival of Trees St Olave's
- 9 December- Secret Present Room
- 10 December- Library Van
- 10 December Year 3+4 Community Tea Party
- 14 December-School Disco
- 15 December –EYFS/KS1 Nativity Performance
- 15 December-School Christmas Lunch
- 16 December- EYFS/KS1 Nativity Performance
- 17 December-Christmas Party
- 18 December- 10am Carol Service
- 18 December 3.15pm –End of Term
- 4 January – INSET
- 5 January- Back to School
- 6 January- KS2 Pantomime
- 11 June-Summer Fete

FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS



**COME AND VIEW THE
FESTIVAL OF TREES**

AT

ST. OLAVE'S CHURCH, FRITWELL

SATURDAY, 5TH DECEMBER

FROM 2pm

FESTIVE SONGS BY FRITWELL SCHOOL

REFRESHMENTS

HOME MADE PRODUCE STALLS

TOMBOLA