



Newsletter 5 Autumn term



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Dear Parents and Carers



Christmas Card Competition

There was a surprise visit on the 10th of November from Victoria Prentis MP. Lucy England was the winner of Victoria's Christmas card competition and wins a trip to the Houses of Parliament for a tour with her family. Her card will also be printed as the official constituency card. Layla Newman was a runner up. Well done to both children!

Football

There were more sporting achievements this week. Years 3 and 4 had great success last week at the North Oxfordshire County football finals. After some thrilling games, with excellent passing and teamwork, they came second overall, narrowly missing first place on goal difference. A brilliant achievement; they played excellently as a team and represented the school well. They go through to the Oxfordshire whole county finals. Well done and good luck!

Swim Gala

We are really proud of the year 5 and 6 children who took part in the Bicester Schools' swimming gala on Wednesday. The children really enjoyed the competition and came home with a handful of first, second and third positions, resulting in us coming 7th overall. Special congratulations go to Amelia Johnson who was awarded the 'determination' award.

Tag Rugby- a Report from Kian Duggan and Archie Trotman



'On Tuesday 15th November some children from year 5 and 6 went to the second round of the Tag Rugby Tournament at Banbury Rugby Club.

We won two, drew one and lost two. We felt that we represented the school really well. Well done Fritwell Rugby Team!'

Silver School Games Award

Congratulations to Kathryn Churchill who received the Silver School Games Award from Montell Douglas (Olympian, former 100m world record holder, Commonwealth gold medallist) on behalf of the school. Thank you to her for all her hard work and commitment to sport within the school.

Home School Agreement

A new Home School Agreement has been approved by the governors and, although we no longer require them to be signed and returned, we would be grateful if parents and carers would go over them with their children. We will also go over them in class. You should all have received them by email and hard copy and it has also been put on the website.

After School Club

There will be a change of personnel from next week in After School Club as Lisa Mooney will be going off on maternity leave. Emma Howse, who runs our Breakfast Club, will be taking her place and Lucy Lake will continue as before. We hope Lisa enjoys a good rest before the birth of her baby.

Playground Behaviour

Due to the school bus arriving earlier in the mornings, there are more children on the small playground before 8:40am. This has resulted in the playground being a noisier environment than before. We try to promote a calm start to the day and have reminded the children that there should be no running around the playground or game playing. We should be grateful if you would support us with this and also encourage the children to wait quietly in the mornings. Thank you.

Ewelme Primary Admissions Consultation

As required by the Admissions Code, the Governors of Ewelme Church of England Primary School have initiated a consultation period on the Admissions Policy for 2018-2019 which will run until Wednesday 4th January 2017. Copies of the policy and catchment map are attached and can be viewed on the School website : <http://www.ewelme.oxon.sch.uk> and a paper copy obtained by contacting the school office at the address below. If anyone wishes to comment on Ewelme Church of England Primary School's draft policy they should write to the Clerk to the Governors at Ewelme CE Primary School, The Street, Ewelme, Wallingford, Oxon OX10 6HU or by email to office.3752@ewelme.oxon.sch.uk Letters or emails should be marked "Response to Consultation on 2018-2019 Admissions Policy". Comments must be received by 12.00pm on Wednesday 4th January 2017.

Decorating Day

Decorating day is changing to Friday December 2nd as a mark of respect to Cathy Steer, who jointly ran Wrighton's Food Shop and Post Office with her brother. Her funeral is being held on 1st December. Children can wear Christmas jumpers and headgear as part of the festivities.

On a final note, we have tallied up payments received for the pantomime which year 1-6 will be attending next month. There is a shortfall of nearly £500. As it is too late to cancel we will still have to go ahead, but unfortunately if the rest of the voluntary contributions are not received, we will not be going to the pantomime next year. For those who have not paid there will be a hard copy in your child's bookbag today. We want to be able to give the children the benefit of a trip to the pantomime but the school is not in a position to fund it.

Regards

Debbie McLeod
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SCHOOL DIARY

Mon 21 November- Yenworthy Week for Year 6
Wed 30 November- Open Morning
Wed 7 December- Pantomime Visit Whole School
Thu 8 December-Secret Present Room
Thu 8 December- School Disco
Fri 9 December- Community Tea Party
Tue 13+ Wed 14 December- Nativity
Thu 15 December- School Christmas Lunch
Fri 16 December- Carol Service St Olave's
Fri 16 December-End of Term
Tue 3 January – INSET
Wed 4 January-Start of Term
Mon 13 February-Half Term week
Mon 20 February- Back to School
Sat 1 April- Easter Egg Hunt
Mon 10 April- Start of Easter Holiday/ Mon 24 April – Back to School