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Christmas Light Switch On

Thank you to everyone who supported this event.
What a really lovely evening, where lots of fun was had by all!

The PTA, with your help and support, raised the grand total of £1350 on the night!

In total, with the Christmas lights switch on, wreath-making night, sale of school tea towels and reindeer treats as well as pop up 'Elfridges', the PTA have raised £1,970! They would love to make it to £2,000 and with a week of school left and still some produce being sold they may just make it!

Our thanks go to Mrs Whitby and her wonderful team for their hard work.

End of term party – 16th December

The PTA are arranging our Christmas party afternoon on the 16th December. They have arranged lunchtime party food, a special visitor to arrive after lunch and an afternoon of entertainment.

Please send your child into school next Friday with £2 cash donation or visit the PTA page to find alternative ways of making payment.

Your child should come to school wearing their party clothes but please make sure they are wearing appropriate footwear and a warm coat as we will be walking to church. Church can sometimes be cold so it is essential they are warm enough.



Christingle Workshop – Today, our year five children worked with Angela and Lisa from the church to create Christingles for the service on Sunday. Thank you to Lisa and Angela for doing this with our children again this year.



End of term Christmas Service

You are invited to join us for our end of term service at church. The service will start at approximately 9am.



LUNCHES

Please order hot lunches via ParentPay for the first week back (4th January) by Thursday 15th November. **ANY ORDERS LATER THAN THAT WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

For those of you who saw the nativity, I am sure you will all agree that the children were amazing! Thank you to the children and teachers for all of their hard work.



CHRISTMAS CARD ARRANGEMENTS

The school Christmas card box is open! If your child is sending cards to their friends we ask that they put the first and surname as well as their class name on the envelope.



RAFFLE

The raffle, with prizes donated by the staff, which took place at the nativity plays, raised £190 which will be used to fund Forest School equipment.

CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND FESTIVAL

Come and enjoy the Christmas trees and creations, stalls and tombola.

Friday 9th - 6.30-8.30pm - Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Saturday 10th - 10-4pm - Tea and Cakes

Everybody welcome.



This week in Severn class...

Hello and welcome to our class news report. We have been very busy this week and we can't wait to share it all with you. On Monday we started in a great way - with a fun session in swimming. It was great fun having the floats, balls and dive sticks out, we played for the whole session! On Tuesday we were treated to an amazing performance of the Nativity by Avon and Malvern, it was spectacular in every way - the singing, acting and dancing. Wednesday was another fantastic day - we made French Christmas decorations for our trees, they were great fun to make and look really good! Thursday was special because we continued perfecting our recorder playing skills - we are becoming much more musical now! Finally, Friday has brought a part of Christmas to Year five as we have made Christingles in preparation for the service on Sunday. What a busy and fun-filled week we have had!



KS1 Trip to Atwell Farm Park – Thursday 15th.

The children are not to wear school uniform but please make sure they have many layers of warm and waterproof clothing (including hats, scarves and gloves). They need to come to school in clean wellington boots and with their shoes in a named carrier bag. The children should also have their packed lunch with them in a named container.



Elfridges : Thank you to the PTA for arranging the pop-up Elfridges store. The children had a lovely time choosing their gifts.



Here's what the PTA said about our children:

"Yesterday was an absolute pleasure, the children were all so lovely and really looked after each other! They wrote and coloured their tags in so beautifully and were all super polite to us!"

Artbox



Today the Year five children have taken part in a Christingle workshop. The Christingle service will take place this Sunday at Church at 4pm – you are all very welcome. I found this simple image of a glass fusion Christingle, I think it is lovely.



Thought for The Week



"THERE ARE TWO WAYS OF SPREADING LIGHT: TO BE THE CANDLE OR THE MIRROR THAT REFLECTS IT."

- EDITH WHARTON



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS FOUNDATION
www.randomactsofkindness.org

Christmas Tree Competition

Our school Christmas tree is still looking very bare. Keep your decorations coming in.

MUSIC BOX -



This week we have been listening to 'Carol of the Bells' sung by Pentatonix. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WSUFzC6_fp8

Why not search some more of their music. **Remember only carry out searches on YouTube when you are with an adult.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



9th and 10th December – Christmas Wonderland festival at the Church – see details on page 2.

11th December – 4pm Christingle service at Church led by Mrs. Nicol and some children from school.

14th December – Walk in Wednesday – 3.15 – 3.40pm

15th December – KS1 trip to Atwell Owl Farm Park

16th December – End of term service at church – all welcome to church. Party afternoon at school for children.

3rd January – STAFF TRAINING DAY

4th January – SPRING TERM

13th January – KS2 Young Voices concert

7th June – 9th June – Y4 and Y5 trip to Whitemoor Lakes

DIARY DATES



REMINDERS

Important

Reader Helpers We are so grateful to the adults who come into school to help with reading but we would love to recruit some more help. If you have an hour or so to spare each week, we would love to invite you in to listen to our children read. If you are interested, just send an email to the office and we will get the wheels in motion. All volunteer posts are subject to a DBS and you will need to provide two references.



RECYCLING - We have a recycling drop-off point in our entrance area – you can bring your pens, batteries and empty crisp packets.



Wrap Round Care – Early Birds  **and Offenham Owls**  If you would like a space for your child at Early Birds – 7.45-8.30am or Offenham Owls 1 – 3.15- 4.15pm or Offenham Owls 2 - 4.15 – 5.30, please fill in a form at the office or email the completed form to the office email office@offenham.dowmat.education or post in letterbox before Wednesday of the week prior to the week you'd like provision. **Payment is the Friday before the week you require wrap round care. Forms are available at the office.**



Just to note, provision times will change after Christmas to 3.15 to 4.30 only. Morning sessions remain the same.



Water bottles - Children should bring a water bottle with them each day. If your child would like juice at lunch time, please send another bottle. **ONLY WATER IN CLASS.**



COATS: Please ensure your child has a coat with them at school every day.



REMINDER – SCHOOL MEALS

School meals must be ordered on ParentPay by Thursday of the week before.

ANY ORDERS LATER THAN THAT WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

You can order right up the end of term if this makes it easier.

Attendance

Avon -93.3% Malvern -97.3%
Cotswold -90.5% Severn -94.9%
Overall-94.1%



Golden Apples awarded this week:



Avon – Hayden & Harry



Malvern – Arthur & George

Cotswold – Jessica, Oliver V & Cahrlie

Severn – Isaac & Sofia

Awards This Week :

Housepoints



1st Sapphires with 147 housepoints

2nd Emeralds with 140 housepoints



3rd Rubies with 119 housepoints

Stars of the Week



Avon – Mollie



Malvern – Skylar

Cotswold – Athena

Severn – Maisy

Birthdays



This week we celebrate the birthdays of Olivia, Edey, Jesse and Ben.

Father God, today we celebrate the birthdays of Olivia, Edey, Jesse and Ben and we say thank you that they are part of our school family.

We pray that they may grow in wisdom and grace; give dignity and respect to others and that they may know your hope and joy every day.



Strengthen and bless them on their birthday and every day throughout the next year. Amen.



Cheer Bear –Lacie

Viv Bear – Ethan V



Sports Star – Olivia D