

NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 22nd DECEMBER 2023



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Learning and living as children of God

(Ephesians 5:1) (You are God's children whom he loves. Try to be like God)
OUR SCHOOL VALUE THIS TERM IS RESPECT



Sun Shine Awards

Reception: Wilfred.

Class 1: Alex T.

Class 2: Olivia.

Class 3: Alba.

Playtime trophy goes to Little Deers.

The school sports award goes to Imogen & Ava- Marie.

PTFA Update

Enterprise Fair

The PTFA elves workshop, games and refreshments raised over £400.



Jumble Sale

We had hundreds of people turn-up for the Jumble sale and raised a whopping £1600. Thank you to all the parents who helped sort, sell and tidy!



Well done to Evelyn & Maria for achieving their Scribe award & Perdi for achieving her Apprentice Scribe.

After School Club T3

08/01/24-05/02/24 Camp Kindness Yr 1 3.15 - 4pm

09/01/24-06/02/24 Coding Club Yr 5&6 3.15-4pm

10/01/24-07/02/24 Ball Skills Yr2 3.15-4pm

11/01/24-01/02/24 Table Tennis Yr3&4 3.15-4pm

11/01/24-11/01/24 Football Yr 1-6 3.15-4pm

Future Dates/Notifications

22/12/23: End of term celebration assembly 2.50pm

22/12/23: End of term 2

08/01/24: Term 3 Starts

08/02/24: Cross Country Race 4

09/02/24: End of Term 3

19/02/24: Term 4 Starts

22/02/24: Cross Country Race 5

29/02/24: Cross Country Fun Run

Congratulations to Sam who was very lucky to hear from Father Christmas during his Tiger Club lesson. He not only won star of the lesson but also had a letter from Father Christmas!



Thank you to Martha and Edith's mummy who is clearly a super stitcher! She reinvented some costumes for the school nativity and made some wonderful props! Thank you.

Thank you to Mr Leeke for your fantastic donation of £875, as a result of the marathon in September. It was exceptionally kind. We will hope to use the money towards the isingPop concert in March 2024.

Congratulations to Thomas & Ellis for being the Science winners, well done!

A huge well done to Ava Marie and Ruby Ann who have been awarded the prestigious Flourishing Feather this term for their exceptional English work.



Congratulations to Ayda for winning the weekly gymnastic award!



Preschool

We are so proud of all the Little Deers who performed their Nativity the other week to their parents. They sang brilliantly and enjoyed learning the Christmas Story.

Reception and Little Deers once again welcomed Rev Kay who shared her amazing knitted Nativity characters with the children. They had a great time listening to the story, singing songs and doing some arts and crafts.



School Lunches

Please order your child's lunches before 4th January 2024 for next term.

Honours List

Each week, awards for children's achievement will be presented in Celebration Assembly. We will also recognise children who have demonstrated our value for each term in the everyday life of our school - our value for Term 2 is respect.



Award winners for w/c 4th December - 22nd December 2023

Achievement:

Reception - Wilfred & Calon for amazing RE work this term.

Class 1 - Martha for her artistic ideas.

Class 2 - Molly for being an amazing helper during our sewing this week.

Class 3 - Jess & Alex for good teamwork when programming their traffic light sequence.

Values:

Reception - Holly.

Class 1 - Poppy & Filip.

Class 2 - Theo & Zahara.

Class 3 - Molly P.

Class 3

It's been a busy end of term for all in Class 3. Not only did they embroider some amazing sugar skulls which they are keeping safe to show you at the Spring Book Look, they have also learned how to use the Crumble Controllers and programme them to light up a traffic light sequence and then ended the term by making fajitas with their own home-made tortillas. Everyone said how tasty they were. I think they've now earned a Christmas holiday!



All children in school enjoyed the panto *Gnome Alone*. The laughter was fabulous and contagious!



Everyone in school had a very special Christmas treat during PE. Mr Clark ran a Glow Dodgeball session and everyone had a fantastic time in the dark using their ball skills!



Well done to Poppy who has been awarded a horse riding medal for enthusiasm! Fantastic news Poppy.



School would like to say a huge thank you to Poppy J's mum and dad who gave the school an Apple pencil. This is so very much appreciated and we have managed to collect three now from your generous donations. Thank you.

First Aid training

We learned when to call an ambulance and when not to; how to put a patient in the recovery position; the correct way to bandage an injury.



Over the last few weeks Reception have focused on using maths vocabulary to describe quantities as more than and less than. During science and DT, the children have investigated how electricity and technology works in the world around us.

Thomas from Class 2 has enjoyed sharing their artwork and explaining how he created texture for his final piece.



Class 2 have been working hard over the last few weeks on their Class worship which they held on Tuesday. They acted out and read the story of the shepherds and Jesus' birth. Well done to all of Class 2 for a wonderful worship and singing. Thank you to everyone who came to watch.



Thank you to all our volunteer readers who have given up time to come into school, thank you too to Mrs Mulligan, who runs our school choir, a big thank you to parents who have popped in to help with various things during this term and a huge thank you to the PTFA and all of you who support them.

This long autumn term has, once again, been a wonderfully packed season of fun and adventure, not to mention the learning!

Thank you for all the lovely gifts that you have sent in.

"Wishing joy to your world and peace to your heart this Christmas."

From all at Team Deerhurst and Apperley. Happy Christmas!

Class One had a wonderful week solving Pirate Paddy's Packed Lunch Problems!

The work allowed them to develop their understanding of structures. They explored different types of lunch boxes and designed and made their own from reclaimed materials. On testing and evaluating day they dressed as pirates and subjected the lunchboxes to sea spray and seagull attack!



KS2 visited the village hall to sing carols to the folk enjoying a community Christmas lunch. They sounded beautiful and everyone joined in with a sing song. Thank you to our choir leader, Mrs Mulligan who keeps our choir so active!



The children enjoyed a wonderful Christmas party of roast turkey and sticky toffee pudding. We also welcomed some of the residents of The Richmond Villages in Cheltenham, who had a lovely time joining in and were presented with some plants by Harvey. Thank you to governors, Mr Matthews, Mr Davis and Rev Jenny who helped serve and clear away afterwards. A big thank you to all of the staff who gave up their lunch break to help too!



The children were very excited to have a visit from the elves who were helping out Father Christmas by delivering some lovely chocolate Santa's to everyone!



SAFEGUARDING CORNER

It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

It's Christmas Time!

A Parent's Guide to Social Media | A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures | A Parent's Guide to Gaming

A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming | A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming

A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers | A Parent's Guide to Fake News | A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared. Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period. Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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PLEASE MAKE SURE PE KITS AND FOREST SCHOOL CLOTHES ARE IN SCHOOL FROM 8TH JANUARY, THANK YOU.

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