# Radnage Church of England VA Primary School

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#### Head Teacher's News

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half term and are back into the swing of the school week. There is lots of news to update you with, so please read all the way through this newsletter!

Great excitement was in display on the playground on Monday morning as the installation of our new playground equipment began. We are incredibly grateful to the PTA for funding this. We now have a good range of play options for break and lunchtime and all the children and staff would like to say a massive 'THANK YOU' to the PTA for making such a difference to our playtimes and lunchtimes. Today, Bethlehem House, Otters, Hedgehogs and Badgers were the first to use the



equipment as the lunchtime staff identified that they had demonstrated the most positive and supportive behaviour at lunchtimes this week.

On Tuesday at 9:30am, we have our English Open Morning. This is an opportunity for you to find out about how we teach English in school and how you can help your child at home. The morning will start with a workshop and presentation in the hall and then be followed by the opportunity to visit the classrooms and see the learning in action. The workshop will give you some useful hints and tips for helping your child as well as an idea of how we teach skills in Reading, Writing and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. I hope as many of you as possible are able to attend and look forward to seeing you there.

On Saturday, it is our Christmas Pamper and Shop day from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. This is a great chance to pick up some gifts or to treat yourself to a bit of pampering. It is set to be a fantastic event and should really kick everyone into the swing of Christmas, so make sure you come along!

Rugged Radnage is just over a week away, and final preparations are well underway. If you would like to sponsor us, the link is <a href="here">here</a>. With the rain having peppered the course and the temperature plummeting in the past few days, it promises to be a pretty challenging event this year. I know I'll run harder if there's money banking on it, so please donate!

We have our first football match in the Wycombe District League against Bledlow Ridge on Tuesday. The children are excited and we are looking forward to pitching ourselves against some competitive opposition.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, we will be having a Pyjama day to raise funds for Hearing Dogs. As you will be

aware, lan and Cosmo came to visit Otters and Hedgehogs a few weeks ago and the children decided that, as a way of saying thank you for the visit, they would like to hold a fundraising day for the charity. As such, on Friday 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be inviting children to make a donation of at least £1 in order to wear their pyjamas (or onesies) to school for the day. This does mean that we will not be collecting formally for Children in Need this year, but we feel that this local charity based in Princes Risborough, who have been into school to talk to the children, is more relevant for us at this time. If you would like to make a contribution to Children in Need, we will still have a collection box in the School Office.

I hope you all have a great weekend and look forward to seeing lots of you tomorrow.

Sam Browne

## Stars of the Week 25.10.19 and 08.11.19

#### 25.10.19

**Henry** for making a good choice in music and setting a good example to the Otters and Badgers.

Evelyn for always giving 100%.

Jenson for working hard in all lessons and for showing his super learning in his work.

**Teodor** for his caring attitude towards everyone in school

#### 08.11.19

Otto for stretching his brain by writing underneath his pictures after sequencing the story

**Bea** for having the courage to give a different opinion in an out-of-classroom group conversation about internet use

**Eddie** for working hard and doing his best in all lessons and for really impressing Mrs Stevens in Phonics sessions.

Enna for some excellent reflections on what light and darkness mean to her

### Break In

As you may be aware, the school was broken into before half term. The thieves stole laptops from our trolley and a large number of items from the PTA shed. The police were called and, although they did not visit the site, provided us with a crime number. We have replaced the locks that were broken and repaired the hall window which was forced open.



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#### PTA

Our next PTA meeting is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at the British Legion, starting at 7:00pm. We had a fantastic turnout at our last meeting, so let's keep it going!

Preparations for Rugged Radnage are going well; entries are building up. If you are able to contribute a cake for the coffee shop, the sign up sheet is in the school office.

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, there will be a Christmas Pamper and Shop afternoon from 2:00-5:00pm at the school. It will be the perfect chance to pick up a few gifts, give yourself a much needed pampering or meet Father Christmas! All the funds raised will go to support the school. Further information can be found on the flyer attached to this newsletter.

Our PTA Facebook page has all of the key information about upcoming events and how you can get involved. Follow this link: PTA Facebook

One of our major fundraising events is Rugged Radnage. You can find out more info (or enter) by following this link: Rugged Radnage



# Aldi Sticker Campaign

Now, technically the Aldi sticker campaign has finished. However, we are so, so close. As such, Mrs Gippert and I are appealing to everyone to: look under cushions, ask friends and casually enquire in Aldi whether they have any left over. We only need 30 stickers now, so let's try and get them!





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### **Diary Dates**

Date	Occasion	Location	Who?
November 2019			
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – 9:30am	Remembrance Service	School Hall	All Children
Tues 12th - 9:30am	English Open Morning	School Hall and classrooms	All parents
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> – 2:50pm	Football v Bledlow Ridge (Away)	Bledlow Ridge	UII Football Team
Fri 15th	Pyjama Mufti Day for Hearing Dogs	School Hall and classroom	Everyone
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> - 10:00am	Rugged Radnage	Radnage Village	Everyone
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> – 3:00pm	Football v Downley (Away)	Downley School	UII Football Team
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm	PTA Meeting	British Legion	Everyone!
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 3:30pm	PTA Film Night	School Hall and classroom	All Classes
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> - 9:30am	Maths Open Morning	School Hall and classrooms	All parents
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Mufti Day Gifts for Christmas	School Hall and classrooms	Everyone
	Afternoon		
December 2019			
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 9:30am	New Parent Tour	Whole School	Prospective Parents
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am	Nativity	School Hall	Reception and 1/2 Parents
Weds II <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Afternoon	School Hall and classrooms	Whole School
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – 12:05pm	Reception and I/2 Christmas Lunch	School Hall	Reception and 1/2
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> – 12:05pm	Year 3/4 and 5/6 Christmas Lunch	School Hall	Year 3/4 and 5/6
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> - 1:00pm	Reception and Year 1/2 trip to Norden Farm	Offsite	Reception and 1/2
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> –	School Carol Concert	School Hall	Everyone
12:45pm			
January 2020			
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY	School	Staff
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Children start back	School	Everyone



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