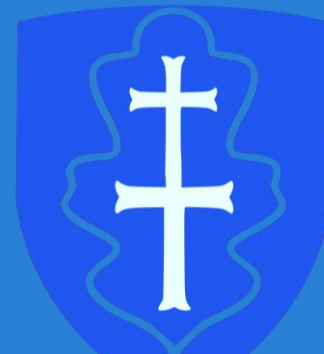


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Newsletter 14

Head Teacher's News

The end of term is nearly upon us, and the festivity in school is overflowing!

On Tuesday, many of us enjoyed watching Badgers, Otters and Hedgehogs' annual nativity play. This year, it was particularly wriggly and featured a braying donkey, dancing sheep and some really beautiful singing and acting. As I said at the time, productions such as this really make me realise how fabulous our children are and how lucky we are to work with them.

On Wednesday, we had our Secret Present Room in the hall with a pop up café to follow. I was with the 3/4s and the 5/6s throughout the afternoon, and it was really heart-warming to see how carefully the children were thinking about what they would purchase and the excitement they displayed at the prospect of surprising the recipients of their gifts. Some of the wrapping was a little 'avant-garde' (and that was just the ones I did), but the atmosphere in and around the school was great and I know this meant a lot to the children. In the end, we managed to raise a hefty £480 which will be put towards the work that the Reading Council have embarked upon. We also drew the raffle for the Christmas Hamper, another hugely successful event that has raised £563 for the school. Thank you to everyone who took part and supported these events – they make such a difference.

It has been a very busy week for the Reading Council. On Monday, applications were made for the roles of President and Treasurer. After consideration, Coby and Lillie-Rose were elected as Co-Presidents, Summer and Eirin were made Co-Treasurers and Logan and Eddie were made Chief Librarians. However, the Reading Council itself is open to all who wish to join, and Thursday was a busy day for the large number of children who came along. After creating a wish list of new books, they embarked on 'sorting out' the library, beginning by arranging non-fiction books according to topic and then starting to label them for easy retrieval. There is a big job ahead, but it was really encouraging to see the passion and enthusiasm for reading the children were displaying.

Next week, the children have their Christmas parties. Notes have gone home explaining about what is needed for each party. Then, on Thursday, term ends. But not before we have our carol concert at 12:45 in the school hall. I have been enjoying listening to the singing in rehearsals and the children are sounding so good. If you are able to come along, it promises to be a really lovely way to sign off the term.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend and hope to see you at the carol concert.

Sam Browne



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Stars of the Week 13.12.19

Lucas for putting so much effort and perseverance into his Christmas tree design

Emilie for being kind and considerate and working hard

Ria for having the courage to sing in the school nativity

Millie for having excellent focus throughout lessons, enabling her to demonstrate a true reflection of her ability

PTA

I renewed my car insurance this week and, in doing so, raised £20 for the school, simply by clicking on the easyfundraising button on my browser!

This is a great way of raising funds for the school, especially as you start buying those Christmas presents. All you need to do is go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk, search for Radnage in the cause (it will say Radnage C of E Infant) then click support this cause. It will then ask you to set up an account. Once you have done this, you can add the quick access button to your browser by clicking on 'Add the Donation Reminder' as per the picture on the right. Then, each time you shop online, click the

You're almost there, well done!

You just need the Donation Reminder, which provides a little reminder every time you shop online. Never miss a donation!

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Shop as normal and never miss a donation



Step 1
A small reminder appears on the retailer's website



Step 2
Click the reminder to receive any eligible donations



Step 3
The reminder disappears and you're ready to start shopping

easyfundraising symbol first and, if the retailer is registered, we will get a donation!

We have two big targets we are working towards now: the first is designing and installing a Reflection/Sensory garden for the school, which will provide a space for children to de-sensitise and take some quiet time out, and the second is installing external security lights to make the school a safer place at night.

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

Morning Drop Off

Please be aware of local residents and their drive ways when dropping off in the mornings as we have had a few incidents recently.

In addition, I realise it is very cold in the mornings, but please consider turning your engine off whilst parked outside the school to help reduce emissions.



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Forest School

We are looking for volunteers who would like to join us for Forest School on a Wednesday and/or Thursday afternoon. We need someone who is able to commit on a regular basis from 1:15 to 3:20 on one of these afternoons. This would enable our Forest School teacher, Mrs Bridgen, to broaden the range of activities the children are able to engage in. Please contact the school if you would be interested.

Diary Dates

Date	Occasion	Location	Who?
December 2019			
Mon 16 th – 12:05pm	Reception and 1/2 Christmas Lunch	School Hall	Reception and 1/2
Tues 17 th – 12:05pm	Year 3/4 and 5/6 Christmas Lunch	School Hall	Year 3/4 and 5/6
Tues 17 th - 1:00pm	Reception and Year 1/2 trip to Norden Farm	Offsite	Reception and 1/2
Thurs 19 th – 12:45pm	School Carol Concert	School Hall	Everyone
Thurs 19 th – 1:30pm	Break up for Christmas	School	Everyone
January 2020			
Mon 6 th	INSET DAY	School	Staff
Tues 7 th	Children start back	School	Everyone
Weds 15 th	PTA Meeting	British Legion	Everyone
February 2020			
Sat 1 st 6pm-9pm	Family Disco	Village Hall	Everyone
Fri 14 th	Break up for Half Term	School	Everyone
Mon 24 th	Children start back	School	Everyone
March 2020			
Fri 20 th	PTA Quiz	School Hall	Everyone
April 2020			
Thurs 2 nd	PTA Easter Egg Hunt	School	Children
Fri 3 rd - 1:30pm	Break up for Easter	School	Everyone
Mon 20 th	Children start back	School	Everyone



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