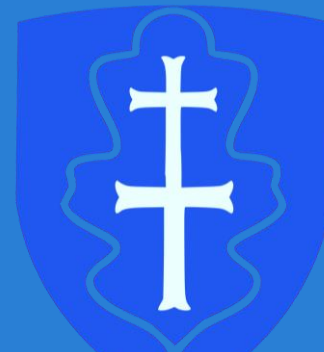


# Radnage Church of England VA Primary School

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## Head Teacher's News

So, we have reached the Christmas holidays. It has been a very long, but thoroughly rewarding term at Radnage CE Primary School, and the children and staff deserve to be proud of their achievements.

The Christmas parties this week have been a huge success. My thanks go to the staff who, at the end of a long term, really put a lot of effort into making sure the children had a great time dancing, playing and celebrating with their friends. There were even a couple of special visitors, as Father Christmas surprised Badgers, Otters and Hedgehogs with an early Christmas present and the Grinch gave up being grumpy to dish out some treats to Kestrels, Red Kites, Falcons and Eagles.



This morning, the children made their Christingles, kindly arranged by Mrs Gibbons. Afterwards, we sat in two circles and reflected on the true meaning of Christmas, as well as all the things we enjoy before taking time to think about those for whom Christmas is not such an easy time. Then, we finished the term with our Carol concert. This was a wonderful, festive way to sign off, and I left with a warm glow, ready for the holidays. Mrs Farnworth and Miss Clark have worked very hard with the children on some quite tricky songs, and their efforts really paid off.



This term has been marked by a series of wonderful events held by our PTA, which have enabled us to greatly improve the day to day life for our children. Events such as the Christmas Shopping afternoon, PTA Film Night and Rugged Radnage have helped to raise much-needed funds that we have promptly spent! This term, we have purchased: new play equipment for all children, a new adventure trail and an enhanced ICT offer. Classes have also begun spending their £150 each on wet play toys and games. Next term, we hope to move forward with our Reflection/Sensory garden, and are investing in new security lights for the front of school. Without the work of the PTA, these purchases simply wouldn't be possible due to the budgetary constraints schools operate within. Helping out at an event is (relatively) pain-free, and your contribution makes such a difference for the children. If you are in a position to help with any PTA events, or would simply like to find out a bit more, please contact through the [PTA Facebook](#) here or by speaking to the committee in person.



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At the end of this term, we say goodbye to our current PE teacher, Miss Logan, who is moving on to pursue a career in a different industry. We look forward to welcoming our new PE teacher, Mr Burke, in January. We would like to thank Miss Logan for all of her hard work and for the good rapport she has built with the children. We wish her the very best for the future.

I wish all of our community a wonderful, peaceful Christmas holiday. I look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January. Have a very merry Christmas!!!

*Sam Browne*

## Reading Council

There was great excitement in school this morning, as a huge order of books, all chosen by the Reading Council, arrived on our door. These will be sorted and labelled and added to our newly organised and labelled Library. The past week, the children have been sorting all of our current books into a discernible system as well as labelling each book for easier storage, browsing and retrieval. We now have a functioning library with a good selection of texts for all ages. The next stage is for the Presidents, Treasurers and Chief Librarians to visit Stokenchurch library on 31<sup>st</sup> January so they can learn more about running a library system efficiently.

## PTA

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](http://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 easyfundraising symbol first and, if the retailer is registered, we will get a donation!

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!

Add the Donation Reminder

No Thanks or I've done this

By downloading the Donation Reminder you agree to our EULA



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

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](#)



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## 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 could I ask you to turn your engine off whilst parked outside the school to help reduce emissions.



## 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?
<b>January 2020</b>			
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Staff</b>
<b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Children start back</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
<b>Weds 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PTA Meeting</b>	<b>British Legion</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
<b>Fri 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Reading Council Visit to Stokenchurch Library</b>	<b>Stokenchurch Library</b>	<b>Co-Presidents, Co-Treasurers and Chief Librarians</b>
<b>February 2020</b>			
<b>Sat 1<sup>st</sup> 6pm-9pm</b>	<b>Family Disco</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Break up for Half Term</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Children start back</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
<b>March 2020</b>			
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PTA Quiz</b>	<b>School Hall</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
<b>April 2020</b>			
<b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>PTA Easter Egg Hunt</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Children</b>
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> - 1:30pm</b>	<b>Break up for Easter</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Children start back</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Everyone</b>



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