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Outwoods Primary School Newsletter



19th December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Christmas!

Despite coughs and colds school has been a lovely place to be this last few weeks. I was so proud of all of the children in the Christmas Concerts - some very confident speaking and acting and some of the best singing I have heard at Outwoods. It has also been lovely to see our choirs perform at Dobbies, the Market Square and St. Peter's Church, I know that families', friends and the whole community always enjoy a good sing song at Christmas. Can I thank all of the staff and helpers at Outwoods for their continued hard work - the Christmas Fayre was a busy night but it is lovely to see so many families having fun and supporting the school.

I hope that you all have a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year and we will see you all in 2020!!



Christmas Fayre

We held our annual Christmas Fayre on Friday 6th December and it was such a busy afternoon! Our PTA the 'Friends of Outwoods' worked extremely hard to put it all together and make it a great success so we owe them an enormous THANKYOU! We raised almost £900 with the Fayre and the raffles which is AMAZING! Fund raising events like this couldn't take part without the support and generosity of all our families, so thank you for all your kind donations and for supporting all of our events.



Marle Hall

Last week the majority of our lovely year 6 children and 5 members of staff travelled to Wales to spend the week at Marle Hall Outdoor Education Centre. During a windy week they took part in canoeing, gorge walking, hiking and climbing activities. They developed their skills of team-building, respect, challenge and responsibility. The teachers reported that they were proud of each and every child! Miss Burrow's said;

"Children showed resilience and tenacity and achieved things they hadn't believed they were capable of. This wonderful year group have strengthened friendships and enjoyed the challenge of the outdoors. They worked and played hard all week and we will remember this as being one of the best residential trips ever!"

Could I also thank all of the members of staff who supported this visit- I know that the children were well looked after and staff made sure that they had a great time while they were away from their families.

Visiting Theatre Company

Our wonderful PTA have arranged for a visiting theatre company to come into school and perform the pantomime "Aladdin" for all of the children on Friday morning. This is their fourth visit and each one has been brilliant, so we are all really looking forward to it.

Due to the panto on Friday we will give the birthday badges out on Thursday and attendance awards will be given in classrooms.



Pleasing Parking

We have just acquired some parking signs to help alleviate the issues in the morning and afternoons. Please look out for the new signs and park carefully near the school.



If you have any great ideas that might help with parking problems please let us know!

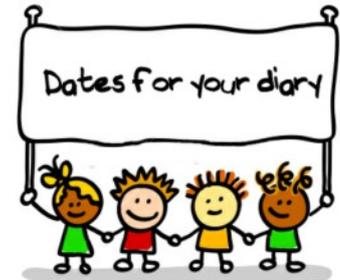
Carol Singing

We are very proud of our choir who brought some festive cheer to the shoppers of Atherstone when they sang in the market square on Friday 6th December to open the Alpine Market. And they performed again this Wednesday at the Christingle service at St. Peter's Church, Mancetter. All their dedicated practice has definitely paid off!



Important Dates

- The last day of term is Friday 20th December. (Christmas jumpers can be worn)
- Children return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2020.
- School will close for Half Term break on Friday 14th February 2020.
- Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th February - TEACHER TRAINING DAYS.
- School reopens for children on Wednesday 26th February 2020.
- School closes for Easter on Friday 3rd April 2020.
- Summer Term starts Monday 20th April 2020.
- School closed for BANK HOLIDAY Friday 8th May 2020.
- School closes for Half Term on Friday 22nd May 2020.
- School re-opens on Monday 1st June 2020.
- School closes for Summer on Friday 17th July 2020.



Dinner Menu



We return on Tuesday 7th January on Week 1 of the menu.



Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for supporting Christmas Jumper Day on Friday, we raised £213 for Save the Children Fund. We appreciate your support and the children love taking part.



Parent Support

Christmas time can be hard for many families, for different reasons. If you feel you need support or advice over the holiday season, please remember to check out the Wellbeing and Parent Support pages on our website.

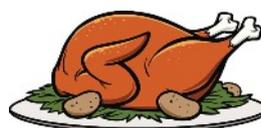


Coffee and Mince Pies!

Please join us on the last day of term from 2:30pm for coffee and mince pies. Come in from the cold for a cuppa and a chat before you collect your children from school! We will be in the upper school hall.



Wednesday's extended lunchtime was filled with festive cheer when all of the children took their seats to be served Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. The Christmas songs were playing whilst they played pass the parcel around their table. Its safe to say a



good time was had by all!

