



# West Witney Primary School

## Newsletter

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### A message from your Headteacher

We are coming to the end of Term 2 at school and we are so pleased to still have so much to celebrate.

Still to come; two delicious Christmas Lunches, cooked for us all by our catering team. (Please make sure you have pre-ordered your child's food choice) Nursery stay and play Christmas fun! Christmas craft afternoon for Year 1 children and parents. Christmas Concerts from our Early Years and Year 2 children. Once again we are looking forward to the privilege of Key Stage 2 children performing Christmas Carols in St Mary's Church in the centre of Witney on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December and our Key Stage 2 choir singing at Cogges Christmas Market, this Saturday morning.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA who are still very busy organising our hugely successful Christmas Fayre; their hard work and ongoing commitment to the school is so greatly appreciated. Don't forget 'Dress Down Day' on Friday when your children don't need to attend school in uniform, in exchange for tombola prizes to be won on Saturday!

I would like to thank you all for your support this year and your ongoing contribution to working in close partnership with us at West Witney to provide the best education and care we can for all your children.

*Nancy Darby*

### Diary Dates

Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Author visiting Reception & Yr 1
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last Class Band
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Dress Down Day in exchange for Tombola prizes.</b>
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am - KS2 Choir to perform at Cogges Christmas Market
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>12-2pm PTA Xmas Fayre</b>
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30pm - KS2 Carol Concert at St Mary's church
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2pm - Reception Christmas Play
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am-Nursery/Recep Xmas Play
Thur 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2pm - Year 2 Christmas Play
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.30pm - Yr 1 Parents Christmas Craft Event
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Foundation Stage & KS1 Christmas Lunch - Pre-ordered
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.45am - Nursery Parents Christmas Stay & Play
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Christmas Lunch-Pre-ordered
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fish Fingers/Cheese Whirl lunch - to be pre-ordered.
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>2pm - End of Term 2</b>
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Term 3 Starts</b>
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Swimming Gala
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	KS2 Choir - Young Voices at the O2
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Recep & Yr 6 Heights & Weights
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 6 to Ashmolean Museum
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 5 to Ashmolean Museum
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7pm - PTA Bingo
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 3/4 to Hill End
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 3/4 to Hill End
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.15am - Year 1 Assembly
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>End of Term 3</b>



## Christmas Lunches



Please remember to complete the online order form for week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> December no later than Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. All children must have this completed on their behalf for every day - even if they are bringing a packed lunch. If this hasn't been completed then you will be expected to provide a packed lunch for your child.  
Thank you.



## Book Club



'The Hearts Invisible Furies' by John Boyne. 'Cyril Avery is not a real Avery, or so his parents are constantly reminding him. Adopted as a baby, he's never quite felt at home with the family that treats him more as a curious pet than a son. But it is all he has ever known'. Please join us to discuss our latest read at 7:30pm on Thursday 7th February.



## Online Safety



This recently published article on the BBC news is definitely worth a read for those parents concerned about their children's online safety. Parents struggle to handle children's tech habits. It found that 43% of 7,000 parents across Europe who were surveyed were concerned that using gadgets meant their children slept poorly. Others feared what tablet and phone use did to social skills (38%) and children's mental health (32%). But many said they set a bad example with their own heavy use of gadgets.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-46234035>

## Dress Down Day

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Please remember that children don't have to wear their school uniform this Friday in exchange for a donation of a prize for the Tombola stalls at Saturday's Christmas Fayre. The PTA have asked for different items from each year group:  
**Nursery/Reception** - Chocolate/sweets  
**Years 1, 2 & 3** - Children prizes  
**Years 4, 5 & 6** - Adult prizes  
Please check that any food/drink are well in date an unopened and any gifts are in full working order. Items can be placed in the boxes at the school gates on Friday morning. Thank you.



## Christmas Raffle



Don't forget to hand in your completed ticket stubs and money if you want to be in with a chance of winning a fantastic prize in this year's Christmas Raffle. If you don't want to take part then please return your tickets to the school office so they can be sold at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Good Luck!

## Clubs

Letters have been emailed home for you to book your child onto any clubs we will be running during Terms 3 & 4. Please follow the link to book them on and make payments on the Gateway app if you would like your child to take part in any clubs by 12 noon on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December.



## Car Parking



I'm afraid to say that we have, yet again, had complaints from our neighbours regarding inconsiderate parking. Please can we remind all parents, who bring cars to school, to park either on the main road or opposite in the Tesco car park - NOT in the residential closes on either side of the school and certainly not across driveways. The advice given to local residents is to contact the local police who will be monitoring the area.

## Our Zambian Connection

Yesterday, Tim and Linda Cowling from The Wye Valley Project and Rotary Club led our school assembly; our children learnt where some of our old books had gone and how they were being used in Kabwata School in Zambia.

Our children learnt about the improvements that have been made in recent years to the school: from installing toilets, to resourcing a pre - school class; from getting tables to having some of the basic equipment needed such as pencils and paper. What was most memorable was that the children wanted to be in school, wanted to learn and that they were incredibly grateful for this opportunity. It seems that children around the world are not so different.



## Reverse Advent Calendar



To tie in with this terms school value of helping charity and thoughtfulness we are running a Reverse Advent Calendar. The calendar boxes can be found in reception and will work by filling them every day with items of food which, at the end of advent, will be donated to Witney Food Bank and Crisis in order to help those less fortunate that are struggling at Christmas time. If you would like to donate any items, please bring them to reception and place in the dated boxes.

## School Council Teddy Tombola

A big thank you to everyone who has donated teddies for the School Council Teddy Tombola which will be held at the PTA Christmas Fayre on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 12-2pm.



## Winter Weather

Now that the weather is turning colder, can we please remind you all to make sure your child has a named warm coat in school. Gloves, hats & scarves would also be good for when it gets even colder. Should we have to close the school due to adverse weather conditions we will text/Gateway message priority 1 parents so please ensure we have your current mobile telephone number.





# School Lunch menu provided by OCC



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Week Commencing 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b>				
Pepperoni pizza with peas and broccoli or baked potato with baked beans and coleslaw (v). Shortbread biscuit with an orange wedge.	Crispy fish finger bap with corn on the cob or Indonesian stir fried rice with stir fry veg (v). Chocolate crispy cake.	Roast British pork & apple sauce or roast Quorn (v) with crispy roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, cauliflower, red cabbage & gravy. Frozen yoghurt pots.	Beef cobbler or vegetable pasta bake (v) with carrots and savoy cabbage. Carrot cake.	Crispy bubble battered fish fillet or homemade veggie sausage roll (v) with chips and baked beans. Ice cream with fruit.
<b>Week Commencing 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b>				
<b>Foundation Stage &amp; KS1 Christmas Dinner</b>  <b>KS2 to bring Packed Lunches.</b>	<b>KS2 Christmas Dinner</b>  <b>FS &amp; KS1 Packed Lunches (either pre-ordered or bring own)</b>	Golden fish fingers or salmon nuggets or cheese whirl (v) with chips & baked beans. Ice cream with fruit.	<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>

A selection of seasonal vegetables will be served daily along with fresh wholemeal bread and a salad bar. Payments for school meals need to be made in advance on the School Gateway App or sent in a sealed envelope with your child to their class teacher. Meals cost **£2.30** per day. Thank you.

## Take a look at what we have been up to over the last couple of weeks!



A group of our children opened the new play park last week, had pictures taken with local town councillors and played on the new equipment.



Ducklings had a visit from our local PCSOs and their van to help with their police role play.



Local artist Roy Howarth visited Key Stage 1 to help them make clay dinosaurs.



The whole school learnt valuable lessons of road safety and what drivers of HGVs can & can't see!