



# The Smile South Wootton Infant School Newsletter



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## Christmas is Coming.....

By the end of next week, we will be into December, Advent and the countdown to Christmas. This newsletter will hopefully explain all the forthcoming events for your children and families to enjoy. We begin December with two decorating days on 1st and 2nd December when the children will be making decorations and art work to hang on the tree and display on the hall boards and in the classrooms. We have invited Year 3 from the Junior School to join us on Thursday morning. To add to the display we would like to set the children a **CHRISTMAS HOME LEARNING CHALLENGE** to make a **stocking** which we can then hang from the hall ceiling. These can be made from paper, card or fabric and can be as creative as you like. "Pinterest" online always has lots of ideas for children's crafts! If these can be brought in by 2nd December if possible then we will hang them up to add to the festive display in the hall.



The following week 5th–9th December, we will be rehearsing this year's **CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION** which is loosely based on "The Nutcracker". You should find details about **costume requirements** on Tapestry. Please let us know if you cannot see this information. **Costumes need to be in school by Wednesday 7th December**. Performances will be every afternoon from Monday 12th–Thursday 15th December @ 1.45pm. Tickets will be available from Monday 5th December in the library each morning. These are limited to **2 per family** initially although we will make any spare tickets available at the end of the week. Where possible, could we respectfully ask that **younger siblings do not come** as the hall does become very crowded, they will find it difficult to see and can become a distraction to the performers. There will be no charge for tickets but we will be making a collection for a charity at the end of each performance.



The **PTFA CHRISTMAS FAYRE** will be held on Friday 9th December. There will be the usual variety of stalls and games as well as the special guest, Father Christmas, in his own grotto. To visit the Fayre, Reception can be collected from 2pm, Year 1 at 2.30pm and Year 2 at 2.50pm. If you cannot attend the Fayre yourselves, please send some money in a named purse and staff will take these children round the Fayre in the preview slot.



On the last day of term, Friday 16th December, we will be supporting **Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day**. The children can come dressed in a festive jumper and make a donation (£1) for the charity. We will be wearing our festive tops in Church at our **Christmas Carol service @ 9am**. You are very welcome to join us although space will be limited. The whole school will join together for Christmas lunch before term ends at 3.15pm.



**Joy to the World!**

## Tapestry and communicating electronically

Hopefully everyone is aware that we are continuing to use the Tapestry app to communicate about your child's learning in class. Parents of children in both Year 1 and Year 2 are able to find out about their child's learning through the website [www.tapestryjournal.com](http://www.tapestryjournal.com). Please let the office know if you are unable to access the site and your child's pages. In the new year, we will also be sending letters home by email so please let us know if you have a new email address so we can update our records. If you are unable to receive communications through this method we will be happy to provide paper copies.

## Attendance

At the end of term we will be sending home your child's attendance details for the term. Currently we have a very strong data profile apart from attendance which is a cause for concern. Please consider carefully before booking holidays in term time. Your child will miss important learning and research has clearly shown that children with good attendance perform better academically. Our target for attendance is 97% or better.

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### PTFA

The recent Bingo night was very well attended. Thank you to everyone who joined us for a fun evening. The event raised over £250.

The Student Council collected £260 for Children in Need. Well done everyone!

## Diary dates

### November

Wed 30th—Squirrels Class Assembly 2.45pm

Wed 30th—PTFA Meeting 6.30pm

### December

Mon 5th - Tickets for performances available

Tues 6th—Theatre Company performance in school.

Fri 9th—PTFA Christmas Fayre 2-4pm

Mon 12th—Christmas Performance 1.45pm

Tues 13th—Christmas Performance 1.45pm

Weds 14th—Christmas Performance 1.45pm

Thurs 15th—Christmas Performance 1.45pm

Fri 16th—Christmas Church Service 9am

School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

### January

Thurs 5th—School reopens

## Children of the Week

	30th Oct- 4th Nov	7th—11th Nov	14th - 18th Nov	21st—25th Nov
<b>FOX CUBS</b>	Jenson	Harry	Hope	Caleb
<b>RABBITS</b>	Farrah	Olivia	Luke	Samuel
<b>OWLS</b>	Vilte	Maisie D	Harry T	Abigail
<b>HEDGEHOGS</b>	Riley	Isaac	Sophia	Joe
<b>RED SQUIRRELS</b>	Finlay	Ollie	Sophia	Freddie
<b>OTTERS</b>	Owen	Bafana	Charlotte	Jack

## Birthdays

The children who have celebrated or will celebrate their birthday in November are:

**Finlay Gates who is now 5 years old.**

Charlie Oakes, Kara-Mae Ely, Lucy-Anna Collins, Isaac Johnson, Codey Williams **who are now/will be 6 years old.**

Alfie Clear, Robyn Marchetti, Arabella Wallen-Bennet, Millie Greer, Ithalia Gilham **who are now/will be 7 years old.**

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who celebrates their birthday this month.

## Attendance

For the month of November the class with the best attendance were

### RED SQUIRRELS

with attendance total of 98.8%

**CONGRATULATIONS to them.**

Our overall attendance is now at 97.44% Our whole school target is 97%. We are currently just above our target and would ask that you please remember that we do not authorise any holidays in term time.