



# Great Rollright C. E. Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter



Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 2021

### **Gold Book Term**

**Last week we presented our Gold Book to**  
**Meadow: The Meadow Class**  
**Woodland: The Woodland Class**  
**Ocean: Jake**  
**Mountains: Tilly**  
**Well done!**

### **The Meadow and The Woodland Nativity Play – ‘Lights, camel, action!’**

This week we have been so lucky to enjoy the pure Christmas magic of The Meadow and The Woodland’s nativity play. The children and the staff worked extremely hard to rehearse for this annual delight and, with such wonderful costumes and scenery, they were able to lift us all with their special Christmas joy. It was a shame that we were only able to perform to limited audiences but we feel fortunate that we were able to share the performance at all this year. A huge thank you must go to everyone who worked so hard to make this happen and of course to your wonderful children who are such a delight! There are lots of photographs on the website for you to enjoy.

### **Forest School Site news**

I am delighted to be able to let you know that work is beginning on the new Forest School site next Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> December. The work is scheduled to be finished by Christmas and so we shall be able to start using the area when we return from our Christmas break. The work does mean that there may be extra traffic at the bottom of the school field and along the lane so please avoid parking there for the rest of the term. It would also be safer for the children who usually walk to school to use the front gates to enter and exit next week.

### **Father Christmas goes wild!**

This year an extremely exciting and unexpected event happened when The Meadow and The Woodland went for a Christmassy walk in the woods. The children were decorating the trees with edible decorations for the wildlife and listening to Mrs Grundy read a special Christmas story when suddenly the sound of bells could be heard from miles around and who should appear in the clearing but Santa himself. He spoke to the children and gave all of them a Christmas gift to take home and put under their Christmas trees. He didn’t have time to go into school but he also left presents for the older children to enjoy. It was a wonderful afternoon of Christmas magic – a huge thank you to everyone who helped to make the magic happen.

### **Value for this week**

Our Christian Value for this week is Respect

### **RSC trip to the theatre**

Next Thursday we plan to take the whole school to the RSC to see 'The Magician's Elephant'. Please can you ensure that your child has their water bottle in school on that day as they will need to take it with them. We will have an early lunch that day and should be back at school at 4.45pm. There will be NO school bus on this afternoon and all children will need to be collected from their classrooms using our normal routines. Please do not take your child from the coach but instead wait until we are all safely inside as it will be dark.

### **The Great Rollright Bake off 2021**

On Thursday afternoon, 7 children took part in the first Great Rollright bake-off. They were competing to see who could make the best cookies!

It was a really fun afternoon and some great cookies were made.

Mrs Grundy chose a winner from The Ocean and The Mountains after a blind tasting session. The winners were Iris and Rosie who both received a 'Star Baker' wooden spoon. Well done to everyone who took part – you were fantastic!

### **Picture News at Home**

This week the discussion is all around the future of virtual reality and social media.

### **Buy a Christmas tree from Warwickshire Tree Farm and they will donate 10% of the value of your tree to Great Rollright School!**

Buy a fresh locally grown tree while fundraising for the school – find out more at <https://www.warwickshirechristmastrees.co.uk/>

Offer available to parents, family members and teachers from local schools. Please be sure to mention Great Rollright when you buy.

### **School Office reminders**

- No clubs next week.
- New clubs form available on Parent Mail for next term – deadline to sign up next Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Clubs start in second week of next term which is the first full week.
- A reminder to please contact the office by 9.30 a.m. if your child is absent from school for any reason. Phone message or email are fine. Part of our safeguarding responsibility is to promptly identify all absences.
- Please report all Covid related matters to either [head.3408@great-rollright.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:head.3408@great-rollright.oxon.sch.uk) or [Office.3408@great-rollright.oxonsch.uk](mailto:Office.3408@great-rollright.oxonsch.uk)
- Please check Parent Mail for any outstanding payment items.

### **Diary**

Weds Dec 15<sup>th</sup> – Christmas lunch

Thurs Dec 16<sup>th</sup> – Whole school to RSC Stratford-Upon-Avon

Dec 17<sup>th</sup> – Term ends at 1.15p.m. Bus club is available until 2.15p.m.

Inset Day for staff – Tuesday January 4<sup>th</sup> 2022

**New term starts Wednesday January 5<sup>th</sup> 2022**

## **Friends; Creating Fun and Social times whilst fundraising**

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS**

Your cards and gifts should have gone home to you this week. If you do not have your items please email The Friends.

We hope you enjoy your cards and gifts and we say a big THANK YOU for helping to raise **£172** for our school.

### **WHAT A SUCCESS! - ROLLRIGHT CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Our first Christmas market was last Saturday and it was delightful to see so many of you enjoying the event. It brought joy to the community and the stall holders who after a tough year were able to sell their goods. Sadly, we were not joined by the Pizza van due to Covid but the lovely Bex from Berowbe Catering stepped in last minute with hotdogs. We hope you enjoyed the social, the mulled wine and buying the gifts for yourself or for Christmas.

Rachel Keenan (Walter and Monty's mum) was the sole organiser of the event and we have to thank her for her superb organisational skills, the agility and flexibility she showed when faced with the challenges this past 2 weeks. (mainly Covid related) You are a star Rachel!

We also have lots of other people to thank along with our amazing committee who made it happen. We had volunteers from the village as well as linked to the school.

Helpers and Bar: Jen, Magda, Hayley, Peter, Marilina, Lynsey, Sam and Mrs Salter.

Duncan's wonderful mulled wine and Paul for technical assistance.

A special thank you goes to Merial; Walter's nanny (Meadow) for baking and donating approx. 100 mince pies. The event was not primarily run as a fundraiser however we raised **£260** for the school. Thank you to everyone! Who knows maybe a bigger event next year?

### **CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP - TONIGHT Friday 10th December**

We are looking forward to seeing everyone tonight as Sarah joins us to demonstrate how to make our Christmas wreaths. If you see anything that you would like to include on your wreath, bring it along plus foraging for greenery. There will be fun, laughter, lots of mess and some festive treats and drinks. Bring cash! Please read the email sent yesterday from The Friends regarding updated Covid guidelines.

### **LUXURY HAMPER CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DONATIONS - By Monday 13th December.**

We need the help of our Christmas Elves this year! - Please can we have all donations for our hampers by Monday 13th December. Thank you to those Elves that have donated so far.

### **LUXURY HAMPER CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS - £1 each. Draw will be Thursday 16th December.**

Buy your Raffle tickets for just £1 you could win one of several luxury Christmas Hampers. Sell to friends and family to bring some Festive Cheer.

Please ask for more tickets if you would like some. For those not in school please email the friends and we will work it out with you. Email: [greatrollrightfriends@gmail.com](mailto:greatrollrightfriends@gmail.com)

Will it be one of the Festive Foods Hamper; donated by our elves  
the Sweetie Hamper from Mr Simms  
the Meat Hamper from Hook Norton Butchers  
the Health and Wellbeing Hamper

### **BINGO CHRISTMAS SPECIAL - Friday 17th December.**

Come and join in with Christmas spirit and jumpers. Doors open at 7pm, eyes down at 7.30pm. A third of the profit comes to our school.

### **Our Next Committee Meeting:**

Tuesday 18th January 2022.