



Great Rollright C. E. Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



Friday December 9th 2022

Gold Book

This week we presented our Gold Book to:

Meadow: Albert & Frida

Woodland: Oakley & Zack

Ocean: Emily & Lina

Mountains: Jake & William

Well done!

Christmas Plans

Parents of children in The Meadow and The Woodland have now received their allocation of tickets for the nativity performances on 13/14th December. Please return any unwanted tickets to the school office so that they can be redistributed. Entry to the play will be through the side door to the school hall. The Ocean and The Mountains children will be holding a Christingle service in St. Andrew's church on Monday 19th December at 6pm. All are welcome to attend.

This year we are having our traditional school Christmas lunch on Monday 19th December and we will also have Christmas Jumper day on the same day. All children are invited to wear their Christmas jumper to school and to make a donation to charity.

Is my child too ill for school?

Please find attached an NHS guide to the most common childhood illnesses and complaints. This can also be found in the 'Parent Information' section of our website.

The school follows this guidance as the best practice to dealing with infection control.

We have also attached the latest information about Scarlet fever which is currently causing concern in schools across the country.

'Pounds for our Playground'

Did you know that the playground equipment isn't adequate for our children's needs?

Some of the equipment requires urgent replacement, at the same time we will take the opportunity to install new equipment which will appeal to all age groups.

We are launching 'Pounds for our Playground' the target is £6,000.

We will provide more details in the coming weeks; the equipment is on order and our appeal to you is to think about how you might be able to get involved. Yes, Friends can arrange fundraising events but perhaps you could raise funds too - a sponsored run with friends, a child's bake sale etc... All ideas are welcome.

What did we raise - What did we spend?

The Christmas market was a lovely community event. We have received some lovely feedback from stallholders and visitors. **We raised £400.**

We would like to thank Rachel Keenan for leading the event and to all our volunteers; Mrs Collard, Mrs Bell, Ross, Gary, Pete, Amy, Karina, Jasmin, Jenny and all the committee.

Our Christmas Wreath evening was well attended. **We raised £640**

We spent £1,123 to cover the costs for Yoga, Santa visit, Bat Boxes and the amazing visit from The Wizard Theatre.

Family Christmas Bingo Friday 16th December from 7pm

Two thirds of profit raised from this evening will be donated to 'Pounds for Playground' Lets make it a big one and raise as much money as possible.

Friendship issues

We all know that friendship issues within school can make a huge difference to your child's happiness and wellbeing. Since the pandemic, children generally seem to be finding it harder to navigate the skills of friendship and this is something that we spend a lot of time on in school. There are also some times when friendship issues can turn towards bullying behaviour. Incidents of bullying are always taken seriously and we ask you to inform us straightaway if you believe that your child is being bullied or struggling with their friendships. It can take a long time to change behaviour and much work is also done in school to support children in this area. Our aim is to work in partnership with you so that we have all of the information to support your child. Please do not ever hesitate to share a concern with the class teacher or myself. Together we will see a fuller picture and can put steps in place to make a positive change.

Raffle tickets and Donations

Last call for donations, please bring into school. Please return your raffle tickets to be in with a chance of winning one of our luxury food hampers. Draw is to be made on Thursday 15th December.

Always Club Breakfast

We were delighted to have 9 children chosen for our special 'Always Club Breakfast' this term. Children are chosen who always work hard and give their best to their learning and wider school life. This term had a Christmas twist with carols playing in the background whilst the children enjoyed fruit, cereal, yoghurt and brioche buns. It is always lovely to celebrate our successes and the termly breakfast is always seen as a real treat! Well done to everyone who earned their place this Christmas.

Plea for wood!

We would love to add some piles of long sticks and logs to our Forest School site so that the children can enjoy den building etc. If you are able to help with this then please do get in touch – or simply drop your donation over the gate into the forest school area so that the children can get busy!

Dates for Christmas

Meadow and Woodland Nativity
13th December 10.00am
14th December 10.00am
(two tickets will be sent for each performance per family)

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
19th December

Ocean and Mountains Christmas service in St Andrew's Church
19th December 6.30pm (provisional)

Picture News

This week the subject under discussion is the role of broadcasting in the future.

Value for this term

Our Christian Value for this week is **COURAGE**.

Christmas in Chippy. Sunday 11th December. 12.30-5pm

Come along to this wonderful community event hosted in Chipping Norton. Come and see us in the Town Hall alongside Holy Trinity School and Chipping Norton Senior School. There will be lots of fun for everyone. We hope to see you there.

What's On

Christmas in Chippy 2022

Time	Performance
12.00 – 12.30	Chipping Norton Choir
12.45 – 13.15	Eight in the Bar
13.30 – 14.00	Cotswold Brass
14.15 – 14.45	Cotswold Brass
15.00 – 15.45	Claire Bradshaw & Cotswold Stage School
16.00 – 16.15	SLÖZA - Liza Zhikhareva (<i>Ukrainian performer</i>)
16.30 – 17.00	Chipping Norton Choral Society
17.00 – 17.15	Children's Lantern procession
17.15 – 17.30	St Mary's School Choir

