



Dear Parents,

8<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**PENGUIN CLASS ASSEMBLY:** Well done to Miss Barrett's class for a fantastic assembly this morning. They have been studying the Ancient Egyptians and showcased a lot of their work. This included performing a couple of songs, a demonstration of embalming and showing us their artwork. They also played a tune on guitars – a talented bunch! My thanks go to Miss Barrett and Mrs. Morgan for all their hard work with the class.

**PANTOMIME TRIP:** We are off to the Playhouse to watch the Pantomime on Tuesday morning. Children need to be in school by **8:30am** as the coaches will start leaving at 8:45am. Please send your child with a bottle of water and a small snack – we ask that these are labelled as they will be gathered in by the teachers in school and distributed to the children once they are seated in the theatre. This promises to be a wonderful experience for the children and I would like to thank Mrs. Redding for organising the trip for the school.

**KS1 NATIVITY:** The 'Aah' factor was in abundance as KS1 entertained us with their Nativity. It was brilliant! The play was written by Miss Chevis with songs chosen by Mrs. Ward, Miss Ryczowski and Miss Meyer – quite a team! The mixture of traditional and current songs worked really well, although I never thought I would hear 'I Will Survive' being performed in a Nativity. The children were confident and delivered their lines with skill. My thanks go to Miss Chevis, Mrs. Ward, Miss Meyer, Miss Ryszowski, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Tugwell, Mrs. Briggs, Miss Fulbrook and Mrs. Radwell for all their hard work in putting on such a marvellous show.

**COMMUNITY NEWS:** Many members of the local community joined us on Tuesday morning for a performance of the KS1 Nativity. They thoroughly enjoyed the performance and the refreshments served by the PTA. On Wednesday Mrs. Ward and Mr. Roberts took a group of Year 2 children to Wyndam Care Home to sing some Christmas songs to the residents – they all thought the children sang beautifully and were very well behaved. My thanks go to Mrs. Ward for coordinating our community outreach work. If you know of someone who would like to be invited to future school events then please contact Mrs. Ward.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS:** The deadline for applying for a primary school place is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Apply on-line at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions).

**FSU NEWS:** The FS has been focusing on the story of Stickman this week and has enjoyed a visit to the woodland area to do a stickman phonics hunt and they have also created their own stickmen. Nursery have been busy making bird feeders which along with other Christmas crafts, will be available to buy at the Christmas Fayre on Friday. We have started our assessments for the end of this term and have been very impressed with the progress the children have made. Please keep up reading and supporting your child at home. Mrs. S. Obinna. FSU Coordinator

**READING CHAMPIONS:** This term's reading champions will be going to see Paddington 2 next Friday at the Bicester Vue cinema. The winners are:

Year 1: William C and Thea E

Year 2: Harrison L and Noah C

Year 3: Noah E and Isla W

Year 4: Izzy C and Gus P

Year 5: Seb C and Grace H

Year 6: Jenna S and Daniel C

Well done children! Mrs. Ward Literacy Coordinator

**MATHS WHIZZ WINNERS:** The Maths Whizz winners for each class this term are:

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| Puffin Class:    | Abigail A  | Kingfisher Class: | Molly J-L |
| Flamingo Class:  | Amelie T   | Swan Class:       | Liv B     |
| Lion Class:      | Katie L    | Giraffe Class:    | Elise C   |
| Penguin Class:   | Scarlett W | Eagle Class:      | Zachery T |
| Snowy Owl Class: | Isaac B    | Leopard Class:    | Elise W   |
| Elephant Class:  | Jack S     | Dolphin Class:    | Ali B     |

To reward these children for their hard work on Live Mathletics, they are invited to go bowling at Bicester Bowl on Monday 11th December. The children will be walking to the bowling alley and as it doesn't open until 2:00pm, we will not return to school until approximately 3:30pm. The children can be collected from the quad. For children in Year 5 and Year 6, if you are happy for your child to walk home from school after our return, please email the school office to give your permission. No child will be allowed to go home from the bowling alley. Without permission, your child will need to be collected. Ms. K. Rainer, Maths coordinator

**SPELLING BEE:** The Spelling Bee finalists for each class this term are:

**Year 1:**

|         |                      |
|---------|----------------------|
| Avon    | Abigail A; William C |
| Thames  | Harry S; Molly J L   |
| Severn  | Ava Grace L; Rania A |
| Derwent | Eddie H; Jack S      |

**Year 4:**

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|---------|---------------------|
| Avon    | Sophy A; Olivia B   |
| Thames  | Sean L R; Zachery T |
| Severn  | Gus P; Logan M      |
| Derwent | Emily C; Izzy C     |

**Year 2:**

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|---------|---------------------|
| Avon    | Issy B; Liv B       |
| Thames  | Amelie T; Abigail S |
| Severn  | Peter L; Devon H R  |
| Derwent | Sonja B; Bianca D   |

**Year 5:**

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|---------|--------------------|
| Avon    | Holly C; Isaac B   |
| Thames  | Maja R; Ella T     |
| Severn  | Imogen M; Matteo M |
| Derwent | Grace H; Tia D     |

**Year 3:**

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|---------|--------------------|
| Avon    | Roxy B; Zuzanna B  |
| Thames  | Daisy J L; Milly Y |
| Severn  | Katie L; Henry L   |
| Derwent | Bailee H; Riley J  |

**Year 6:**

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| Avon    | Kyla C; Edith B   |
| Thames  | Jenna S; Kiera S  |
| Severn  | Arjun N; Lennon P |
| Derwent | Ruby H; Ali B     |

Following the success of the last Spelling Bee we will be holding another challenge morning on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. One child from each house in each class has earned the right to represent their house in the final competition and be crowned the Spelling Bee Winner for this term. The KS1 competition is 9:00am – 10:00am and the KS2 competition is 10:15am – 11:15am. Please come along to support your child. Mrs. Ward Literacy Coordinator.

**THE BUSY WEEK AHEAD:**

- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – FSU Nativity 10:00am to Nursery parents and 2:00pm to Reception parents
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Pantomime trip am
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Maths Challenge KS1 9:00am and KS2 10:15am / Musical Extravaganza 2:15pm
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Headteacher's Tea Party
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Year 4 Ashmolean Trip

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE:** I hope to see many of you after school today at the PTA Christmas Fayre. There will be lots of goodies to buy and I heard a rumour of a possible visit by a man in a red suit with a white beard..... who could that be?

**CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT:** We will be holding our Carol Concert in St. Edburg's church on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 9:45am. We will be supporting the Save the Children Christmas Jumper appeal on this day so would like all pupils to wear a Christmas Jumper for the fee of £1:00 for this worthwhile charity.

Have a good weekend.

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**Mrs L Daulton, Headteacher**