



Dear Parents and Carers,

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

**GIRAFFE CLASS ASSEMBLY:** Well done to Miss Roche and her class for a brilliant assembly this morning. They told us about their study of the Stone Age and demonstrated the exchange method of addition that they have been learning in Maths. They performed the Hindu story of 'Rama and Sita' and sang a very catchy song entitled, 'Name Those Bones!'. My thanks go to Miss Roche and Mrs Devaney for all their hard work with the class.

**FSU NEWS:** This week, Reception were visited by Inspector Biggs. He talked to the children about all the special equipment he needs for his job and allowed them to try on his hat and stab vest. They looked carefully at his handcuffs, baton and radio. Inspector Biggs even arrested Miss Rees, putting her in handcuffs. The children were also able to sit in his 'very fast' police car, turning on the siren and beeping the horn. They have also been investigating who pushed Humpty Dumpty off the wall and have been writing reports and taking finger prints. Each child made their own warrant card, writing on their name, police, 999 and creating their own police number. Please ask your children which number they should call if they need help from the police. Nursery's topic this week has been "My body" and to help us learn, we've been singing body songs, and looking at the skeleton. We talked about healthy food and made carrot and coriander soup using roasted vegetables. We enjoyed having 12 parents in on Wednesday for our first Book Share. Thank you so much for supporting the children with their reading. It is Christmas Craft day on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019, if you are able to help on this day, please see a member of the team. Ms Rainer, FS leader

**CHILDREN IN NEED:** We raised an incredible £759.63 for Children in Need last Friday. Thank you so much for supporting this charity. Well done to Mrs Heason and the School Council for organising such a fun day.

**ASSESSMENT WEEK:** Next week is Assessment Week and the children will be assessed in Maths, Reading and SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar). Writing is assessed continually throughout the year in the Big Writes, so there is not a Writing test.

**CHRISTMAS ART AND CRAFT DAY:** Glitter and glue will be the order of the day next Friday when we have our annual Christmas Art and Craft Day. The children will spend the whole day immersed in Art and Craft activities. The children may come to school in their home clothes for the 'fee' of a donation for the PTA Christmas Fayre:

- FSU and KS1 a jar filled with sweets
- KS2 a bottle for the Bottle Tombola

If you can help on this day, and are not averse to a bit of glitter, then please see your child's teacher.

**CAROLS ROUND THE PIANO:** Next Friday we will be holding the first 'Carols Round the Piano' of this year, in the school hall from 8.20am. This is great fun and the perfect way to start off a Friday morning. There is no need to pre-book a place, just turn up. I hope to see many of you there.

## IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:

- Mrs Hargreaves-Hands attended an Apprenticeship meeting at County Hall on Monday
- Mr Laurie attended an assessment briefing at Hill End on Tuesday
- Nursery parents took part in a Book Share with their children on Wednesday
- Two teachers from Ducklington Primary visited to see how we teach Guided Reading yesterday
- Mr Cox led ICT training for other teachers from the Bicester Partnership yesterday
- Miss Roche attended an NQT course yesterday
- Mrs Lee attended a course on recording pupil absence yesterday
- Years 3 & 4 girls attended the Bicester Cluster Girls' Focus Festival

**MESSAGE FROM THE PTA:** A massive thank you to everyone who came and supported us at the Christmas Shopping Event last Saturday. We had a lovely afternoon and managed to raise a brilliant £291. A huge thank you to the Co-op on the Bucknell Road for donating all the cakes and making it a success. Our next event is the Christmas Fayre on Friday 6th December. We hope to see you there.

**ATTENDANCE:** The attendance for the school this week was 96.01%

Bluebird: 86.50%	Yellow Wagtail: 91.50%
Red Kite: 94.29%	Puffin: 98.33%
Kingfisher: 95.00%	Swan: 99.63%
Flamingo: 98.52%	Giraffe: 95.56%
Lion: 97.41%	Eagle: 98.33%
Penguin: 99.33%	Leopard: 96.67%
Snowy Owl: 95.81%	Dolphin: 95.38%
Elephant: 93.33%	

The class with the best attendance this week was Swan Class with 99.63%, Well done!

Have a good weekend



Mrs L Daulton

Headteacher