



## Newsletter 29<sup>th</sup> November

Dear all,

This week we welcomed Dodie into school on Tuesday to talk about her recent visit to Kowoko, our Ugandan link school. She had a very enjoyable visit and showed us lots of photos of the children and their classrooms. She also gave us a special book about Ugandan wildlife which had been made by the children. This is in the hall for everyone to enjoy. The money we raised through the cake sale will be spent on a special lunch at Christmas time.

It's starting to feel a little bit like Christmas! The tree is up in the playground. It's been donated by Yew Tree Garden Centre. A huge thank you to Miss Pummel, Mrs Heath and the children who chose the tree and brought it back to school! The FOBS Entrepreneur Market was a great success this afternoon. It was lovely to see the children's creations and the effort they had put in to raising money for the school and themselves. Well done all involved! I'm looking forward to supporting all those running on Sunday in the Santa fun run! Running club has been great fun this term and it's great so many enjoy this activity! Finally rehearsals are in full swing for our nativity and carol concerts- I can't wait to see them come together in the next couple of weeks!

Have a great weekend!

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Mrs Beulah Letchford

Headteacher

### Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate this week: Lola, Georgie and Gus

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate this week: Lily, Shayla, Justin and Nina

### Sports News

#### **Netball**

Two weeks ago, 10 of our Y5/6 children went to Thorngrove to take part in a netball festival. We split into two teams of five and rotated positions each match, giving everyone the opportunity to play and learn whilst enjoying netball. The teams were fantastic winning 7 and drawing 2 of the 9 matches- so undefeated! Well played Lara, Lettie, Sophia, Darcey, Ella, Georgie, Eoin, Chloe, Dylan and Scarlett.



### **Y5/6 Football**

On Monday, our Y5/6 football team took part in the West Berks football league. They played three competitive matches, winning two and drawing the third. They won the league, receiving gold medals and earning a place at the finals on the 9<sup>th</sup> December! This is such a good achievement and they should all be very proud. Well done Eoin, Kacper, Carter, Darcey, Barney, Pip, Teddy, Scarlett and Dylan!



### **Y5/6 Rugby**

On Tuesday, our Y5/6 rugby team took part in the second round of matches against Ecchinswell and St Martins schools. Despite the fading light and wet ground, they played some great rugby. They had some great individual tries showing their speed across the pitch, and some fabulous team work. Well done to Pip, Teddy, Darcey, Scarlett, Carter, Dylan, Sophia, Chloe and Eoin. The next two rounds will be played next term.



### **FOBS Santa Fun Run**

We have over 20 entrants for the Santa Run this year, this should be a fun start to the festive season and raise some money for playground improvements. If you are running please collect your number (and Santa suit if you haven't already collected it) from the

Waterside Centre, then make your way to the Market Place for 10.30am, so we can have a group photo and warm up before the start!

Good luck to all participating, the children have put in so much effort during running club this year, and it's a lovely way for them to show everyone their running skills - and extra luck to all the parents trying to keep up with them!



All spectators are very welcome, or you can [support the team by sponsoring us!](#)

Helen Thompson.

### Advent Reading Challenge!

Our school librarians, Chloe and Sophia, and Mrs Curtis have organised an advent reading challenge! This is a fun way to encourage all our children to read at home every day until Christmas! We hope everyone is able to complete the challenge, and we look forward to seeing some of the photos!

### After School Club

If you need to book an emergency slot for your child (less than 7 days' notice), **please do not send them to the club unless you have received confirmation of the request.** This is particularly important whilst the club is short staffed as ratios are having to be adjusted. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

### Dates for the Diary

Each newsletter we will publish the dates of events happening during the term. Please be aware these may change and therefore it is important to check them each week. We will highlight changes in red when they first appear. Not every event is relevant to every parent. Look out for further information or letters with more detailed information for the events relevant to you.

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	FOBS Santa Fun Run!
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Netball match @ St Martins- selected children only
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Secret Shopping donations in every day this week - more info to follow <b>Y5/6 Football finals @ Park House - selected children</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Y5/6 Football v St Martins @ <b>Burghclere</b> - selected children KS2 Carol Service @ Burghclere Church 5.00-6.00pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Acorn & Oak Nativity - 2pm & 6pm - more info to follow
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Family Muddy Monday (Acorn & Oak) - 2pm-3pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school Panto trip to the Corn Exchange
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Secret Shopping
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service at the church- 10.30am School Christmas Lunch

	Last day of term
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