



## Newsletter 6<sup>th</sup> December

Dear all,

This week has seen our Christmas production rehearsals in full swing! We are excited to have our Robin and Falcon Carol Concert on Tuesday and our Acorn and Oak nativity on Thursday. The Band and FOBS will be selling tea/coffee and holding raffles at these events- please bring your change! On Friday it is our Secret Shopping event. Tables have been put under the barn for donations- we rely on these to give us enough items for the children to buy for their family members. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

It was lovely to see so many at the FOBS wreath making on Thursday evening. This was a lovely, relaxed event and the wreaths looked amazing! Thank you to all those involved in the collection of the resources, showing us all what to do, organising the event- and tidying away at the end!

In our staff meeting this week, we reflected on the progress children have already made in their learning in reading, writing and maths, and what areas the children need to work on next term. You will be able to see this in our Share and Celebrate on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December- everyone is invited to look at their child's books and comment on the positive progress seen. Some of our children would really benefit from being heard reading aloud on a regular basis. If you could spare just 15 minutes from 8:45-9:00 once a week to listen to a child read as part of our Early Bird Reading scheme, I'd love to hear from you!

Finally, it's great to see so many of you taking part in our Reading Advent challenge! The photos on our Facebook page are brilliant. Keep up the great work over the advent period.

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: Lara, Marley, Maddie, Darcie T.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate this week: Jake, Ed, Elsie F, Bonnie TV.

## Sports News

### Netball- Hampshire Hi-five League

In the first of our Hampshire hi-five league matches, our second team played against St Martins school on Tuesday. For some, it was their first competitive netball match, and it was a great learning curve! In hi-five netball the players rotate positions each quarter, which whilst giving everyone an opportunity to play, it can get a bit confusing! The team really improved throughout the match, but were unable to catch up the lead St Martins took in the first quarter. The score was 8-3 to St Martins. Well played Kacper, Darcey, Emma, Eleanor, Grace and Teddy.



### Santa Fun Run

A huge well done to all those who braved the rain to run either 1km or 5km on Sunday morning at the Newbury Santa Fun Run! The training at running club has clearly paid off! A big thank you to Mrs Thompson for organising. The final running club of the year will take place on Tuesday- bring your santa hats or other Christmas head gear!

Well done Ed, Scarlett, Alivia, Emma, Dylan, Zach, Alexis, Eleanor, Bea, Sophia, Rose, Polly and all the parents!



### 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.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

Are you looking for a new challenge for 2025? Would you like to make a big difference to the strategic direction of the school? We are seeking dedicated parents to join our governing body as governor. This is a fantastic opportunity to contribute to the direction of our school and ensure the best possible education for all our children. If you are interested please talk to Peter Burroughs on the playground or email at [chair@burghclerepri.co.uk](mailto:chair@burghclerepri.co.uk) for further information. Details of how to apply will come out in January.

### 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.

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Secret Shopping donations in every day this week - <b>place items under the barn in correct categories!</b> Y5/6 Football finals @ Park House - selected children
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Last Running Club of the term- wear your santa hats/Christmas headgear!</b> Y5/6 Football v St Martins @ Burghclere - selected children KS2 Carol Service @ Burghclere Church 5.00-6.00pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Acorn & Oak Nativity - 2pm & 6pm
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	<b>Christmas Jumpers!</b> Carol Service at the church- 10.30am School Christmas Lunch Last day of term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>INSET</b>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics @ The Clere- selected children only</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	<b>Netball Tournament @ Park House- selected children only</b>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>Archery @ Park House- selected children only</b>
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Y5/6 football v Ashford Hill- selected children only</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Y1/2 Speed Stacking- selected children only</b>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Young Voices concert @ The O2 Arena</b>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Y5/6 Speed Stacking- selected children only</b>

Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	KS2 Cross Country event in Hampshire-selected children only
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Governor Visit Day