



Newsletter 13th December

Dear all,

This week was full of performances, after the busy rehearsals last week, and they were all joyous to watch! The children in Robin and Falcon sang beautifully at the church on Tuesday; the children in Oak and Acorn sung, danced and spoke their lines so well at two performances of their nativity on Thursday; and the choir went into Newbury town centre to sing by the Paddington statue. Thank you to all the staff for their hard work in putting these experiences together for the children, and giving them the confidence to shine!

Our Secret Shopping event was enjoyed by all on Friday. My favourite part is seeing how well the children in Falcon class support the children in Oak and Acorn to purchase their gifts and wrap them. We hope you enjoy opening them on Christmas day! A big thank you for all your donations- especially those last minute ones which ensured every child could buy the presents they wanted to!

On Monday, you all have the opportunity to come into school and see your child's work and the progress they have made this term, at our Share and Celebrate session after school. Acorn and Oak class parents have been invited to join the final Muddy Monday session of the term- dress appropriately! We look forward to seeing you!

Have a great weekend!

Beulah

Mrs Beulah Letchford

Headteacher

Sports News

Football Finals!

Our Y5/6 football team qualified for the finals night at the West Berkshire and North Hampshire football tournament. We were one of eight teams out of over 40 schools- a huge achievement! As expected the standard of football was high- but our players didn't disappoint, showing supportive team work and determination throughout the three games. Unfortunately we didn't win any of the games and therefore didn't reach the final match. The players were disappointed at the end, but we hope that on reflection they will be proud of their achievement. Well done Carter, Kacper, Scarlett, Pip, Barney, Dylan, Darcey and Eoin!

Parking

Gentle reminder, please drive past the school with care and a safe speed limit, and please don't park on the yellow zig-zag lines, not even to drop your child off, as this blocks the vision of those crossing the road at the crossing point. Thanks for your support with this.

Attendance and Lateness

Following the introduction of our new policy, we have seen an increase in our overall attendance figures this term- which is good news! Parents/carers of children whose attendance is below 90%, and therefore considered to be persistent absence, will be receiving a standard letter as per the policy, alongside their child's attendance report. If you would like to arrange a meeting with Mrs Letchford to discuss ways we can work together to improve your child's attendance, please call or email the office to arrange.

We still have a number of children arriving after the school day has started, which means they are missing vital learning with their class teacher or an intervention with another adult. Classroom doors open at 8:40 with learning starting at 8:45. Mrs Letchford would like to have the school gate closed by 8:50 each morning. Thank you for your support with this.

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 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 16 th December	Family Muddy Monday (Acorn & Oak) - 2pm-3pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Whole school Panto trip to the Corn Exchange
Friday 13 th December	Secret Shopping
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Jumpers! Carol Service at the church- 10.30am School Christmas Lunch Last day of term
Monday 6 th January	INSET

Friday 10 th January	Falcon and Robin ukulele workshop with Good Vibes Music Academy
Monday 13 th January	Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics @ The Clere- selected children only
Tuesday 21 st January	Netball Tournament @ Park House- selected children only
Thursday 23 rd January	Archery @ Park House- selected children only
Thursday 30 th January	Y5/6 football v Ashford Hill- selected children only
Tuesday 4 th February	Y1/2 Speed Stacking- selected children only
Wednesday 5 th February	Young Voices concert @ The O2 Arena
Thursday 6 th February	Y5/6 Speed Stacking- selected children only Y5 St Gabriel's Maths Challenge- selected children only
Tuesday 11 th February	KS2 Cross Country event in Hampshire-selected children only
Wednesday 12 th February	Governor Visit Day