



# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

December 2020

Dear Parents,

Whilst the restrictions brought about by the pandemic mean the run up to Christmas in school is slightly different this year, I am still very aware of the growing excitement of the children as Christmas comes ever closer, and there is so much they are looking forward to.

The Peter Pan pantomime at the beginning of this week, generously funded by Friends (and with ice-creams provided by Friends too!) was a huge success, and magical for the children. Captain Hook was the villain the children loved to hate, and Nana the dog was a big hit!

You may have seen the trio of wonderful snowmen at the front of school, and our thanks to Joolz Mulcahy and Becky Bowers for making them, and a separate thank you to Gareth Mulcahy for organising our Christmas trees. Thank you to Julia Watson as Chair of Friends, to Carol Bousahla as FoRPS treasurer and to their team of elves for all they are doing to make Christmas special for the children. A further thank you is to Helen Eccleston, who is co-ordinating a musical extravaganza with the children, whilst adhering closely to covid-19 restrictions.

Christmas activities include the Key Stage 1 Nativity Play which is being recorded in the church later this week, and separate class Christmas services in St. James' Church on Tuesday 15 December. Our Christmas Dinner is on Wednesday 16 December, followed by Cherwell's Christmas party and film afternoons for Isis and Thames. Children may wear home clothes to school on the Wednesday. Windrush Christmas Party is being held on the afternoon of Tuesday 15 December.

All the staff join with me in wishing the children a very enjoyable end to the term, filled as it is with Christmas activities, and to wish you all – once it arrives - a happy Christmas.

With my best wishes,

Grace Slater  
Headteacher



## **Car Parking**

We are concerned about safety in the car park adjacent to school, at the beginning and end of the school day. Please can you take extra care when arriving or leaving the car park. We suggest you kindly reverse into a car parking place, as an additional safety measure. Whenever possible please walk to school with your child, to help ease the congestion.

Could we also ask that you switch off your engine when your car is parked in the car park, for the health of our children. Thank you.

Separately, the Church have informed us that a funeral will be taking place on Thursday 17 December, and that the car park may be busier than normal.

Grace Slater

## **Christmas Activities**

### **School Christmas Dinner**

This will be on Wednesday 16 December at the same cost as a normal school dinner. (Please note that there is no jacket potato option on this day)

**Windrush** will have their Christmas party on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon. Children can come to school in their party clothes.

**Cherwell** are performing their Christmas Nativity Play on Friday 11 December in St James' Church. The performance is going to be filmed and recorded onto memory sticks for parents of children in Cherwell Class.

Cherwell's Christmas party is on Wednesday 16 December during the afternoon. Children can come to school in their party clothes for that day. Please note that children will be going outside at playtime!

**Isis and Thames** are having a Christmas film afternoon on Wednesday 16 December. Children can come to school in their home clothes for that day. Please note that children will be going outside at playtime and doing the daily mile.

### **Christmas Services**

These will take place in St. James' Church on Tuesday 15 December. Reverend Rob Glenny will run separate Christmas services for each class during the day, but we regret that, due to covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to invite parents to attend.

## Peter Pan Pantomime



## School Office

### Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated towards this important charity. The school raised £104.00 from non-uniform day for Children in Need.

### Health & Safety

Should your child have a slight bump to their head during school hours, you will receive a text message to inform you, in addition to the note we send home. We will always telephone parents if a child has a more serious accident at school or if they are ill and need to be collected.

### After School Clubs

The last week for after school clubs is week commencing 7 December, including football club.

### Starting School – September 2021

Parents of children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 (inclusive) need to apply for a primary school place for their children. Parents must apply for a school place for their child even if the child attends a nursery class at the school listed as a preference.

Please apply online at: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions) If you cannot apply online, you can request a paper application form from the school office. The closing date for on-time applications is 15 January 2021. The Primary offer date for on-time applications is 16 April 2021.

### 30 Hours Childcare

Is your child 3 years old before 31 December 2020? Now is the time to check if you are eligible for 30 hours childcare. All 3 year old children receive 15 hours childcare per week (term time). Children of working parents may be eligible for an additional 15 hours. Visit [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) now to find out if this applies to you. If you don't apply before 31 December you will have to wait until April 2021 to take up your additional hours. If you are already benefiting from the 30 hours don't forget to re-validate your eligibility every 3 months via your online childcare service account.

### End of Term

School will finish earlier on Friday 18th December 2020, at the following times:

Windrush and Nursery	1.10pm
Cherwell	1.20pm
Isis	1.25pm
Thames	1.30pm

The Spring Term will begin on Monday 4th January 2021.

## **Friends of Radley Primary School**

The Friends of Radley Primary School (known as F.o.R.P.S.) is a voluntary organisation that serves to support and fundraise for Radley Primary School.

We have been delighted to contribute towards Christmas activities this year. This has been made possible due to the hard work and generosity of Radley C of E Primary School parents and the wider community. Thank you to anyone who has donated, or taken part in fundraising events for F.o.R.P.S. I must also give special mention to all our Committee members, that admittedly very small, but very dedicated group of individuals who 'make things happen' and Jackie Crook and Gareth Mulcahy for their support and guidance. F.o.R.P.S. could not exist without them.

As Chair, I would also like to formally thank all staff and Governors at Radley Primary School for their hard work and resilience over the last year. We will continue to support the school in any way we can.

Wishing you a happy, healthy Christmas and 2021.

All good wishes,

Julia Watson  
Chair

On behalf of The Friends of Radley Primary School.

### Diary Dates

Friday 11th December	Cherwell Nativity Play in St. James' Church
Tuesday 15th December	Class Christmas Services in St. James' Church Windrush Christmas party 1.30 – 3pm
Wednesday 16th December	School Christmas Dinner Cherwell Christmas Party 1.30—3pm Thames and Isis Christmas Film afternoon
Friday 18th December	End of Term—school finishes at the following times:  Windrush & Nursery - 1.10pm Cherwell - 1.20pm Isis - 1.25pm Thames - 1.30pm
21st December—1st January inc.	Christmas break
Monday 4th January 2021	Spring Term begins—Back to school