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CHIEVELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I have felt incredibly proud over the last few weeks to showcase the talents of our Chieveley children. The amazing Wrens and KS1 nativity was brilliant! A special thank you to staff and parents for your support—it was a very special and hopefully memorable performance of ‘The Nutcracker of Chieveley.’ It was also fantastic to see the KS2 children performing at the annual carol service at the Chieveley church—it has certainly put us all in the festive spirit!

After a wonderful Autumn term, I wish all families a peaceful and restful Christmas and New Year and hope everyone has some well deserved down-time before we’re back to school.

Thank you for your support,

Mr Harris



DATES FOR THE DIARY

DECEMBER

Wednesday 18th—1.25pm
End of Term

January

Monday 6th
Start of Term

Tuesday 7th
Wrens vision checks

February

Friday 14th
End of Term

PE Days next term

Monday: Year 5 and 6

Tuesday: Year 2, 5 and 6

Wednesday: Year 1 and 2

Thursday: Year 1, 3 and 4

Friday: Year 3 and 4



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

As we reach the end of another wonderful term at Chieveley, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on all the achievements of our children, staff, and the whole Chieveley community. It's been a fantastic term, full of hard work, growth, and success, and I'm delighted to introduce myself as the Interim Chair of the Governing Board.

You might be wondering what the Governing Board actually does. In simple terms, we have three core responsibilities:

- Setting the vision, ethos and strategic direction for the school
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school, its pupils and staff.
- Ensuring the schools finances are well-managed and spent wisely.

In practice, this means acting as a "critical friend" to the headteacher and senior leaders. We have the privilege of seeing all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes — work that isn't always visible but plays a crucial role in making Chieveley the nurturing, welcoming, and supportive environment it is for our children.

One of this term's biggest and proudest moments has been the publication of our glowing Ofsted report. Speaking as a parent for a moment, I'm sure we've always known how special our school is, but it's wonderful to have this recognised by Ofsted. Every single member of staff at Chieveley works tirelessly every day to give our children the best possible experience, but we know that an Ofsted inspection adds an extra layer of pressure. The team absolutely rose to the challenge, and I couldn't be more proud of them.

The report highlighted so many positives. It praised the high expectations of behaviour from teachers, the strong and trusting relationships that pupils build with staff, and the exciting curriculum that teachers deliver with passion and enthusiasm. The best part? Our children are thriving and enjoying their education as a result.

One quote that really stood out to me is:

"The school is ambitious for its pupils and seeks to equip them with the knowledge and skills to become 'futureproof'."

What a powerful statement about our collective mission as a school. It's a testament to the effort and dedication of our incredible team of teachers, support staff, and school leaders.

So, on behalf of the entire Governing Board, I want to send a heartfelt thank you to every member of staff at Chieveley. I'd also like to thank you — our parents, carers, and families — for your continued support, as well as the children themselves, who inspire us every single day.

I hope you all have a restful and joyful break over the festive period. We look forward to welcoming you back in the new year, ready to take on new challenges and celebrate more achievements together.

Warm wishes,

Sarah Blundell

Interim Chair of Governors



PTA UPDATE!

With the children's art work sales and profit from the fayre we are delighted to announce that the PTA raised £2275. An incredible thank you to all who attended and the Christmas fayre—this will go directly into providing resources and experiences for the children at Chieveley and we cannot thank the PTA enough for their tireless efforts in organising this event.

THANK YOU!

CHRISTMAS FAYRE REVIEW: OWLS

Owls demonstrated fantastic teamwork and resourcefulness in the planning, preparing and manning of their Year 6 stalls at this year's Christmas Fair. The Owls classroom was transformed the day of the fair to a games room, with a fete classics such as bean bag toss and lucky dip sitting next to more recent developments such as Lucky Numbers (or Play Your Cards Right - for those of us of a certain age). Mystery Object brought a touch of I'm a celebrity to the room whilst no-one but Mrs P knew the coordinates of Santa's Lost Sack of Toys.

Owls totted up their takings in Maths and were incredibly proud to have raised over £134 in total.

In addition to their own stalls, Owls also helped Mrs P to man the Chocolate Tombola which made a fabulous £267 and left many children overjoyed with their haul of goodies.

A final mention must go to Tess and Lottie, our young entrepreneurs, who made their own products to sell, demonstrating astute business acumen at such a young age is truly impressive.

Thank you to all the parents and families without whose support none of these stalls would have been possible.

Merry Christmas from all in Owls

Mrs P



NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

GENTLE REMINDER

A gentle reminder please to all parents as we have had reports from local residents of parents parking directly in and over resident's driveways. As we are part of the local community, it is important for us to respect residents in Chieveley and park sensibly and appropriately. We must also avoid blocking driveways or parking on private property too. Thank you for your understanding.

- Please order school meals before we return to school
- Club payments need to be made by Friday 10th January
- Make sure all belongings are labelled as we have had a lot of lost items

HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM SKYLARKS!

I have been really proud of all the Skylarks for all their skillful endeavours and resilience over the Autumn Term. A great example being the creation of their Christmas tree decorations, from researching to designing to sewing to reviewing their creations. They have stuck at it and showed great pride in the result! Well done Skylarks! We all hope you have a lovely festive period and look forward to a fun-filled, creative productive and positive 2025! - Mr Keith



IN AND AROUND CHIEVELEY..



CHRISTMAS JUNIOR CLUB

Waterside Centre

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGE 8 TO 11 YRS OLD

8.30AM-12.30PM

MONDAY 23 DEC & TUESDAY 24 DEC



SESSIONS INCLUDE

MULTI-SPORTS, ARTS & CRAFTS, TEAM BUILDING AND GAMES

COST: £12

OPTIONAL BREAKFAST MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE

JUNIOR CLUB ACTIVITIES:

TO BOOK FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ON FREE SCHOOL
MEALS, PLEASE CONTACT
NATALYA.FURNEAUX@BERKSHIREYOUTH.CO.UK
AND QUOTE "CHRISTMAS FSM"

- CHRISTMAS DINNER
- CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
- CHRISTMAS PARTY



THE
BERKSHIRE
YOUTH
NETWORK

Online booking calendar
available via QR Code or
<https://widget.eola.co/rh365>

Please note EOLA is a 'live' booking calendar;
sessions will only be visible if spaces are
available to book



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Smart Art Club

Art club for ages approx 5-10
year olds

A place for imagination and
creativity. This is a relaxed
environment where we explore a
range of techniques, media,
colour, texture, craft, design,
line, form and shape through fun
themed sessions

Every **Monday 4pm-5pm** or
5:15pm-6:15pm
Chieveley Village Hall term time
£9 a session.

I have an enhanced DBS with
safeguarding and first aid
training.

Contact me, Laura at
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