



Nov 24

# CHIEVELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

We have had a very busy half term with lots of exciting events happening at school and around Chieveley. From our Maths day to our Paralympian visitor—children and staff have enjoyed many brilliant experiences over the past few weeks. I hope you enjoy reading about some of the brilliant experiences in this edition of the newsletter.

As Christmas draws closer, we've been busy preparing our Christmas performance to parents and getting ready for our annual Carol concert—details of this can be found below.

We also want to encourage as many families as possible to come along to our Christmas Fayre next Friday from 5.30—7pm at the school—we appreciate your support of the school and PTA and look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible!

Thank you for your support,

Mr Harris

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## CAROL SERVICE REMINDER

Here are the arrangements for the KS2 Carol Service on Tuesday 17th December.

- The service will start at 13.30 in Chieveley Church.
- Our aim is to leave school at 13.15 to get the children across to church and settled and ask that you wait outside the church until we're all in place before coming in to take your seats.
- At the end of the service there will be a collection box available with all proceeds supporting St Mary's Church, Chieveley.
- We expect that the service will last for roughly an hour, with an expected finish time of 14.30.
- At this point, you MAY collect your children from their class teacher - we will organise this on a class-by-class basis. Any child unable to be collected from church will walk back to school with our staff.

For those of you with siblings in KS1, on this occasion we can't ensure an early pick-up from school, so please wait until 15.15 to collect them as usual.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### DECEMBER

Friday 29th 17.00-20.00  
Village Christmas Tree Lighting

Tuesday 3rd  
Wrens & KS1 at The Watermill

Thursday 5th  
KS2 at The Watermill

Friday 6th  
Christmas Fete 17.30—19.00

Tuesday 10th 14.30  
Wrens & KS1 Performance

Wednesday 11th 9.15  
Wrens & KS1 Performance

Wednesday 11th  
Christmas lunch

Tuesday 17th 13.30  
KS2 Church Carol Service

Wednesday 18th 13.25  
End of Term



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### JANUARY

Monday 6th 8.40  
Start of Term

## OWLS: A REMEMBRANCE REFLECTION

On Remembrance Day, Owls walked to the Chieveley War Memorial where they spent time studying the names of the fallen and reflecting on the impact of war on families in the village. As 11 o'clock approached, we listened to familiar words from Binyon's *The Fallen* and then the Last Post rang out to mark the start of a minute's silence. The Owls have written their own Remembrance Day poem, all were beautiful but we would like to share just one by Tess, who was moved to write several pieces of poetry on the subject of war and sacrifice.

I am delighted to announce the school raised £181.72 from the poppy appeal—thank you for all generous donations.

The bombs stopped dropping, the world had hope,  
This truce made and the world tied like a rope.  
They played together, friendships made,  
But all of them, could not be saved.  
To go back to fighting the very next day,  
How their hearts must have broke, as they started to pray.  
The cold was bitter, yet they braved it all,  
But some didn't make it and had to take the fall.  
Our hopeless heroes, in torturous trenches, climbing up the enemy hill,  
For a hole in our hearts, shall never fill.

The family at home,  
They were worried to the bone.  
Trying to eat their fill.  
With rations at the till.  
They sent each letter with love,  
Sending it like a dove.  
Wishing them well,  
Hoping for no funeral bell.  
For two minutes we stand,  
The hole in our hearts, shall never fill.

We remember them, remember their pain,  
For the world they tried to gain,  
Their hearts were full,  
As they fought like a bull.  
They had to pay the bill,  
The hole in our hearts, shall never fill.

By Tess—Year 6



# IN AND AROUND CHIEVELEY..



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## FREE TASTER SESSION BREAKFAST OR AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

- Choose from a Free Breakfast or After School Club Session in November or December 2024.
- Includes Full Session Childcare, Activities and Food.

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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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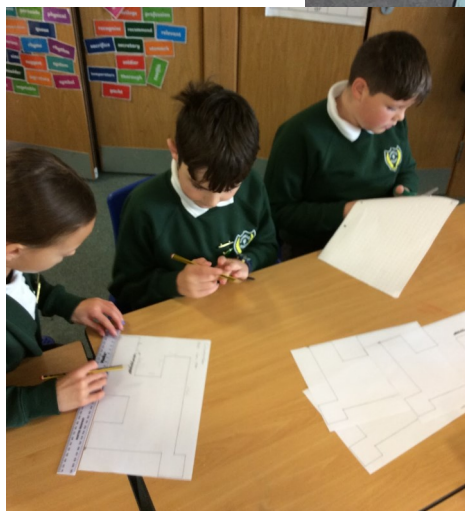


# MATHS DAY REVIEW!

On Wednesday 13th November we had a maths day in school and each class took part in a variety of activities centred around maths throughout the day. The feedback was very positive with children talking in our maths assembly about how maths links to all subjects and areas of life.

Some of our Year fives and sixes took part in the official Primary Maths Challenge competition (which was very challenging indeed!) and our Gold winner was Bea H in Year 5 - our other competitors were only a few marks behind so a very well done to them all!

The winner of the 'estimate the jellybeans in the jar' competition was Alicia M with a guess of 264. Here are some pictures of the day:



# BOOK FAIR BONANZA

A huge thank you to everyone who came and visited the Book Fair at the start of this half term. It is always so lovely to see the children enjoying choosing new books and taking them home to read for pleasure. Well done to everyone who entered our reading competition over half term. It was fantastic to see that so many people spent time reading during the holidays. Hayley and Mrs Sampson pulled winners out of a hat, well done to Auden, Leo, Rose, Lorelei and Olivia.

With your help we have managed to raise a huge £1022.60!! This means we now have over £500 to spend on books in school. Every class will benefit from this, thank you so very, very much. I also need to say a big thank you to the wonderful librarians who helped to set up and clear away each day and were on hand to support children with choosing books and parents with payments. Thank you Tess, Jemima, Olivia, Tilly, Evie and Lorelei.

Thank you as always to Miss Ellis for organising this fantastic event!

# TRIP REPORT: KINGFISHERS

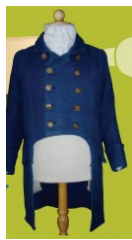
Year 3 trip to the museum



Last week Kingfisher class went to Newbury Museum. We followed Iggy's trail finding lots of interesting artefacts and finding out about the history of Newbury.

We found out that there used to be Mammoths roaming the area and all about Jack o' Newbury and his famous Newbury coat.

There was Civil war armour to try on and a selection of clothes ranging from The Iron Age to The Romans.



We even put some children in the stocks!!!

Despite the snow we still braved a walk down Northbrook Street to find some of the oldest buildings in the street. These include what is now



Cote Brassiere - the oldest building on the street and Jack O'Newbury's house. Look out for the blue Plaque next time you visit Parkway.

## Remember, Remember Nerys Pearce

This term was memorably kicked off by Commonwealth and Invictus Games athlete Nerys Pearce. She was an absolute powerhouse of a person, bring immense energy in motivating the children to take part in a circuits session! It sounds simple, and it was, but Nerys made it extra special by getting all the children involved in cheering each other on - all to very loud music! Afterwards, she gave an awesome assembly, telling the children her story and enforcing the message that even when times are challenging or easy, you have to "PUSH!" The children were awesome in listening to Nerys and taking part in both the circuits and the assembly. Finally, I have been absolutely blown away by the amazing fundraising efforts and generosity of the Chieveley community - our final total is £2600! Some of the fundraising will go to the Great Athletes charity, but the majority will be put towards sporting equipment for the school. I have sent off the final figures and am now awaiting delivery of all the stickers, wristbands and posters that children earned through their fundraising. THANK YOU SO MUCH for all the support you, your families and your friends gave to this event.

Mr Keith—  
Skylarks

