



Wootton St. Peters C of E Primary School

Our children become the rocks upon which a better world can be built.

Our Vision: **Our children become the rocks upon which a better world can be built. We explore the values of perseverance, compassion and courage to open up horizons of hope and aspiration.**

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SCHOOL NEWS

Upcoming Dates:

Friday 16th Dec: Carols by candlelight in the school hall at 1.45pm all parents/carers welcome.

Monday 19th December class parties.

Tuesday 20th Dec: Last day of term. School finishes at 1.30pm- NO ASC.

Wednesday 4th Jan: Inset day (School closed to students).

Thursday 5th Jan: Return to school 8.30am (Whole school).

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of the year. As I write this, we are putting the finishing touches on the Carols by Candlelight concert and we can't wait to see you all there. Your children have worked incredibly hard practising their singing, recorder playing and the reading and I know today's event will be a very special one. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul Herrington for his energy and dedication. He has volunteered so much of his time to make sure our singing is of a very high standard. If you see Paul, please do take the opportunity to thank him too. As we get to the end of term, I have been reflecting on what has been achieved this academic year:

- A fantastic Nativity **"The best one I have ever seen."** (According to one grandparent.) Well done Team Opal class for producing such a polished performance.
- The Little Gems Christmas poems and songs - the children learned and remembered 10 poems. Very impressive.
- The Greek Cafe
- Learning about how to build earthquake proof buildings through using jelly, marshmallows and spaghetti
- Cycle Training
- Fossil hunting in Dry Sandford
- A trip to the Church

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- Whole school trip to the cinema
- Open classrooms
- Parent Conversations
- Parent English and Maths curriculum meetings
- Harvest festival
- Christmas Fair
- Christmas Dinner
- Democratic Circle Times
- Pupil survey facilitated by our incredible House Captains and Vice Captains
- Antbullying week - do look at the display of our school jigsaw in the hall.



We can all be very proud of this. Your children are amazing! Despite tummy bugs, flu, Covid, horrendous coughs and colds our marvellous school community harnesses the school values of perseverance, courage and compassion to get the most out of every learning opportunity provided by our team of dedicated, skilful and hardworking team. A huge thanks to you for supporting your children and the school - it would not be such a great community without your hard work and contributions too. But it's not just me that thinks this as this feedback form the Christmas Fair shows: *"The community - interaction between older and younger children (is great)."*

"Wonderful! Community spirit at school, everyone looks out for each other and my children really love it here."

The Christmas Fair was very well attended and we raised over £800! This is an incredible amount and I am looking forward to meeting with FOWS and the children to discuss how we can spend this.

I would like to wish to you all a very merry Christmas and peaceful holiday.

Best wishes,
Charlie Pitt



Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about a child's safety please do not hesitate to contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL)- Charlie Pitt or Carina Phillips. You can contact us via the school office by email office.3854@wootton-abingdon.oxon.sch.uk or by phone on 01865735643. For a copy of the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy please visit the following section of the school website <https://wootton-school.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Safeguarding-and-Child-Protection-Policy-2022-1.pdf>.

I am pleased to tell you that we have registered for the NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe programme. <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services/speak-out-stay-safe>

We look forward to running this in the New Year. If you would like to find out more please click on the link above.

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School Attendance

Little Gems- 91.04%

Opal- 93.48%

Jade- 92.21%

Moonstone- 93.07%

This Week's ask me about???

Little Gems- Our Christmas art.

Opal – How we made our Christingles and which each part represents.

Jade – Our Carols by Candlelight.

Moonstone – Digging for Fossils.



The School Shield

Little Gems- Amilcar for sitting really nicely at carpet time and for listening to adult instructions. Well done Amilcar 😊

Opal – Leo for his really good independent writing in his diary. Great work Leo 😊

Jade – Anna-Julia for her fantastic Christmas Poem. Good job Anna-Julia 😊

Moonstone- Kieran for working really hard in Maths and for his amazing Winter Poem. Well done Kieran 😊

FOWS Christmas Fair- Thank you so much to everyone who contributed towards the event last Friday. It was lovely to see the children enjoying themselves in the games room, at the crafting table and visiting Santa. Thank you also to all the adults who attended and purchased from our stalls and teashop.

I am thrilled to confirm that the event raised a profit of £610. I cannot thank the volunteers enough for helping with this event and to all those who have helped and contributed to all the other FOWS fundraisers throughout 2022.

FOWS look forward to holding more fundraisers in 2023 for the school community to enjoy.

Christmas Cards- I am pleased to confirm that the sale of all the lovely Christmas cards with the children's beautiful artwork on this year raised a profit of £200.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas,

Claire Hastie-Friends of Wootton School, Chair.