



Happy Friday all!

Christmas has been in full-swing at Cropredy this week, with our Cygnets and KS1 children busily preparing for their Nativity next week. As I type, I can hear our beauties belting out "It's the most wonderful of the year!" Mr Owens looks hot and flustered and the children are having the best time – what more could we ask for? You are in for an absolute treat next week. I hope that you have reserved tickets for either the afternoon of Weds 11<sup>th</sup> our Thursday am and pm.

Unfortunately, due to me having theurgy this week, I have only been able to be at school for one and a half days. I must say though, a lot has been achieved to prepare for two OCC visits coming up in the next fortnight; one school improvement visit and one Health and Safety visit. I will keep you updated on the outcomes of those visits as and when I know.

I have had the best morning having 1:1s with some year 6 pupils. Gosh, they are bright, engaging and enthusiastic individuals. We looked through their maths and writing as well as their assessment results. I am really impressed by them; a treat of a morning. We discussed their end of year targets and they were chomping at the bit to talk about their learning and what their aspirations were for the rest of the year. Well done gang; impressive.

All classes throughout the school are busy finishing off their last pieces of work for the term ready for our whole school open afternoon on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – 1.45pm – 2.45pm**. You are welcome to come and join us to share your children's learning from the term, have a look through their books and be entertained!

Mrs Middleton-Mai, Helen Swift and the children are rehearsing for the Music Extravaganza on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at the Village Hall at 6pm** in earnest. To the children who are taking part – keep practising, I'm sure the night will be a great success and a sure fire way to showcase the great talent that we have here at Cropredy.

Please come and join us for the Christmas Service at the church on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm**. All classes will be taking part and children can be collected from the church to start their Christmas holidays when it finishes at approximately 2pm.

Cygnets will be visiting the church on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**. We are having our own special service hosted by the Reverend Hilary. Please come and join us at 9.45am.

#### Attendance:

Whole School attendance: 94.5%. Let's see if we can push it up over 95% by the end of term please! Congratulations Year 1

Cygnets: 91.49%  
Year 1: 100%  
Year 2: 93.88%  
Year 3: 96.19%  
Year 4: 97.69%  
Year 5: 94.58%  
Year 6: 91.82%

#### Merits: Congratulations to our children

Red : Maci C, Rosie D, Aeva D, Emmett T,  
Blue: Violet A  
Silver: Tyler M  
Red 2: Marcus E

As Christmas approaches, it can be easy to get caught up in the hullabaloo of spending and preparations. As you know; this time of year is very tough for a lot of people who are struggling with money, relationships, loss and grief. I urge you to be mindful of this and extend an extra big smile or greeting to people in our community; give time to not only them but your nearest and dearest too.

I also urge you to read with your child this weekend; get them outside and active and show gratitude for what you have.

Good luck if you are putting up your tree – it can be stressful!

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Diary Dates 2019/2020 Autumn Term Date	Time	Event	Who
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	1.15pm 6pm	Nativity Performance Christmas Music Extravaganza Cropredy Village Hall	Cygnets, Years 1 and 2 Selected pupils
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Morning and Afternoon	Nativity Performance <b>9.30am</b> <b>1.15pm</b>	Cygnets, Years 1 and 2
Friday December 13th		Christmas Jumper Day in aid of NSPCC Wear a jumper and contribute £1 or more	Whole School – decorate a jumper with Christmas Deco- rations or wear a Christmas jumper
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December		School-based pantomime – Cinderella	Cygnets– Year 4
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8.45am	Snow Queen	Years 5 and 6
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December <b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>	1pm	Christmas Service 1pm Cropredy Church – Children may be taken home from church.	
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>First Day of Spring Term—SCHOOL OPEN FOR BUSINESS</b>	

Have a great weekend all. Keep warm and safe.

*Muri Bix*

