

15th December 2017

Celebration Newsletter



Star of the Week



Willow Class - Mollie Hall (Year - Reception)



Beech Class – George Norton (Year 3)



Oak Class – Ruan Kiernan (Year 5)

Next Week

Monday 18th December - Christmas Dinner. Please ensure you book your child's meal on LiveKitchen so they don't miss out. Please can the children also wear a **Christmas jumper or accessories** and donate £1 on this day to get into the Christmas spirit and raise funds for the school PTA.

No swimming or Smarty Arty Club.

Tuesday 19th December - Willow Class will be performing two performances of **'The Nativity'** for parents at 9.30am and 3pm. The PTA will be selling festive refreshments at both performances.

No Drama Club.

Father Christmas' Float did not take place this week due to the poor weather conditions. However, the PTA have arranged for Father Christmas to visit on the Float at 6.30pm on Tuesday 19th December. The route Father Christmas will be taking around the village will be confirmed via Facebook.

Wednesday 20th December - Last day of term!

The whole school will be performing **Christmas Carols at Greatworth Church at 10.45am.** Parents and members of the community are welcome to attend.

The children will return from the Church to have their **Christmas Party.** Please ensure your child brings party clothes to school to change into. There will be no school dinners on this day. Please remember to bring the party food, you have been allocated, to school in the morning.

Thank you...

Advent, The Arts and Advocaat was a delightfully atmospheric, impressive and memorable event! On the icy evening of Wednesday 13th December the children of Greatworth School showed how truly talented they really are. Willow class performed a beautiful snowflake dance and sang Hustle Bustle, whilst Beech Class busted out some cool moves to their Havana dance. Oak class performed two emotive dance performances (Faded and Les Miserables) and the music school children demonstrated their super skills on their instruments. If anyone has any photos they would like to share of this successful evening please could you email them to bursar@greatworth.northants-ecl.gov.uk.

Thank you to everyone that attended and for the PTA for running the bar, tombola and raffles.

We would also like to thank the PTA for running another successful Surprise Room this week. The PTA provided a little shop at school where the children (who had been signed up by their parents), came and chose and wrapped up presents for their Parents or Grandparents. We hope you enjoy your surprise on Christmas Day!

Next Term - Mind, Body and Soul

January is the month we are going to focus on the mind, body and soul.

So far we have planned:

- Parents to talk about how they look after their mind body and soul by doing yoga, cheer-leading, aromatherapy, reflexology and mindfulness.
- A Commonwealth athlete to visit to motivate the children to complete a sponsored sporting activity
- A sponsored run
- A winter sports day
- A Bush-tucker Smoothie challenge (School Council)
- A 30 day plan – the plank, sit-ups
- A daily Joe Wicks or a Minute Mile

Do you have a hobby or job that promotes well-being and would like to share your experience and knowledge with the children? If so, please let a member of staff know, so we can arrange a time for you to come in and inspire!

Comments Box

We would like to make everyone aware that we now have a Comments Box in the foyer area for parents and visitors to share their positive thoughts, concerns or suggestions either anonymously or named. We are always endeavouring to celebrate and improve our standards to ensure the children receive the best educational experience possible and you play a vital role in ensuring this by letting us know how we are doing. Please feel free to share your thoughts. Thank you.

Save Brackley Library Campaign

Northamptonshire County Council needs to find **£115m of savings** to meet social care costs. They are proposing to **close libraries** as one means of reducing costs. If plans go ahead, **Brackley Library, including the Children's Centre, may close altogether.**

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Fill in the consultation

At www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/council-and-democracy/budgets-and-spending/Pages/review-of-library-services-in-northamptonshire.aspx or pick up a paper copy at the Library or Town Council

Write an email

Dedicated address: consult@northamptonshire.gov.uk Councillor Fiona Baker: fbaker@northamptonshire.gov.uk MP Andrea Leadsom: andrea.leadsom.mp@parliament.uk

Sign the petition

http://epetition.northants.public-i.tv/epetition_core/community/petition/3950
Paper copies also available around town.

Write a letter

To: Draft Budget and Council Plan Consultation, Northamptonshire County Council, One Angel Square, Northampton, NN1 1ED

Tell your story of how the library closure will impact you!

Act now: consultation ends 13 January 2018

MOST OF ALL, VISIT THE LIBRARY AND BORROW BOOKS!

After School Care - Greatworth Pre-School.

Greatworth Pre-School are now offering after school care to Reception and Year 1 children. If you are interested in your child attending this after school care provision please contact them directly on 01295 713514.

School Dinners – Cancel or Pay

Dolce, our school dinner provider, have informed us that in this financial year alone, over three hundred thousand of their meals were ordered, prepared in the kitchen and binned countrywide because the pupil for whom it was ordered did not cancel the order or attend the hotplate. They are looking to improve this situation. **Therefore as of January 2018, all school meals ordered and not cancelled by 9.30am will be charged. If your child is absent please ensure you remember to cancel their dinner to avoid being charged.**

Terry Goode's Multi-Skills Sports – Next Term Sign Up and Christmas Party Sports Day.

If you would like your child to be signed up to Terry Goode's Multi-Skills Sports after school club next term, please ask a member of Office Staff for a sign-up sheet.

Also, Mr Goode is holding a Christmas Party Sports Day at Greatworth School on Friday 22nd December from 10am-4pm at the price of £20 per child (10% discount for 2 or more siblings). If you are interested in your child attending this day please ask the Office Staff for a sign-up sheet.

Cook Required at Helmdon School.

Helmdon School require a School Cook for Monday to Friday, 22.5 hours a week, term time only. The rate is £8.25 an hour. Please contact Davina for more information on 07765406685.

A Gentle Reminder...

Snowy conditions are never easy for any of us. Please can parents be extra vigilant when dropping off and picking up children on school premises. Please remind them how to keep safe and behave sensibly on the ice and to avoid running around staff cars parked outside Willow Class. This includes throwing snow, which of course could contain ice, and may damage parked vehicles. Thank you for your co-operation

Other Achievements

Swimming

Charlotte Walsh – Blue hat award

Georgia Brown – Green hat award

Abigail Swain – Yellow hat award

Gymnastics

Molly Hutchinson – Level 7 Proficiency award

Weekly Class Attendance

Willow – 91.2 %

Beech – 99% WINNERS!

Oak – 97.8 %

100% attendance this academic year so far – Maddy Brown, Alex Winch, Charlie Swain, Kian Rolph, George Norton, Harley Kuhn, Emma Hayward, Luca Fox, Lily Edwards, Lauren Bullen, Georgia Brown, Harrison Bailey, Martha Cook, Megan Winch, Isabel Walsh, Lilli Thomas, Tom Norton, Lucy Herring, Harriet Froom, Harvey Fleet-Chapman, Chloe Edwards, Charlotte Walsh, Oliver Edwards, Mollie Hall, Zak Hayes, Miah Hayes, Abigail Swain, Sebastian Ploen and Isla Irving.

Homework Completion

	Spelling & Timetables (%)	Weekly Task (%)	Reading 3 Times a Week (%)
Willow	88	56	52
Beech	66	46	66
Oak	86	72	56

Reading Champions of the Week

25 Reads - Ewan Ellis

50 Reads - Tom Norton, Finley Wild, Sebastian Ploen and Nicholas Sita

Birthdays

Charlotte Walsh – 7 years old



DOJOS

Willow = 2008

Beech = 2462

Oak = 1602

Grand Total = 6072

100 Dojo Award

Theo Hook, Eddie Bullen and Maddy Brown

Clubs – week commencing **18th December 2017**

All clubs, except Breakfast Club, will finish on Friday 15th December and resume back to normal on Monday 8th January.

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Before School	The Great Grub Breakfast Club 7.45 – 8.45am	The Great Grub Breakfast Club 7.45 – 8.45am	The Great Grub Breakfast Club 7.45 – 8.45am Hot Shots Basketball Club 8 – 8.45am		
After School					

Dates for the diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper/Accessories Day (PTA fund raising event, £1 a child) Christmas Dinner
Monday 18 th December	9.30am Dress rehearsal for Willow Class's performance of The Nativity.
Tuesday 19 th December	The Nativity performed by Willow Class, 9.30am and 3pm
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of term
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas Carols performed by the whole school at the Church, 10.45am – 11.30am.
Wednesday 20 th December	12pm Whole School Christmas Party. (No school dinners).
Wednesday 3 rd January	Teacher Training Day
Thursday 4 th January	Children return to school
January	Mind, Body and Soul Month
Friday 2 nd February	Laura Samuel (British triple jump athlete) to visit school. Children participate in a sponsored sport event.