



# Tuesday Newsday!

Dear Walter Families,

Wow! What an amazing few days we have had at school! It has been so busy with wonderful, memorable and exciting experiences for all our children.

## Reindeer coming to school

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November, Blizzard and Hale, two beautiful reindeer came to visit us; we learnt so much about them, we know that they love to eat leaves, moss and grass but that on Christmas Eve, they love to eat CARROTS! We were all able to stroke their beautiful coats and I was even allowed to feed them (I felt extremely lucky)!



# CHRISTMAS FAIR!

The Christmas fair was brilliant; the PTA's cakes were a sell-out making £500 for the school! Thank you so much to everyone who baked cakes and everyone who bought cakes; and of course, everyone who ate the cakes (my granddaughter loved her Santa cake)!





### Elves in School

There were over 150 letters posted to Father Christmas via Elf mail; our postal worker elves worked so hard, ably led by Mother Christmas!



Altogether, we made almost £2,500 so in total the school community raised £3,000 to enhance the curriculum and school environment. We would like to say a huge

# THANKYOU

to everyone who made a

donation, worked on a stall or bought lots of items; your efforts will make a huge difference to all our children.

### Dressing the Tree

We are taking part in the Dressing the Tree celebration, which everyone is welcome to attend in the town centre tomorrow. It starts at 6:00 pm and there will be carol singing and decorating the tree. We have two members of our school representing us with their beautiful decorations: Ruby and Bethan, both from Foundation Stage 2 were our winners, after very careful deliberation and will place their decorations on the tree for everyone to see! Well done Ruby and Bethan and THANKYOU to all those who took part.



### **Merry the Elf came to school**

Today Merry the Elf came to visit and it was a truly magical experience for all of us; all the children were enchanted by her as she told them all the secrets of the North Pole! She has shared with them her wishing star and Eve watched as magic snow grew in her hand! We sang along to Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and every child will bring home a book from Father Christmas at the end of the school day. Miss Gosling, a member of staff and a mum, thought that the visit was absolutely amazing and was delighted that the children were able to take part in something so special.



### **Snow White on Ice**

We are all so excited to be going to the Pantomime on the 12<sup>th</sup> December; thank you for all your contributions, enabling us to have our first ever pantomime trip for the whole of key Stage 1. Hopefully it will be the first year of many. Please remember to make sure your child has warm clothing as it is very cold in the ice rink!

### **Wokingham Food Bank**

We are able to provide food bank vouchers for anyone who needs one; as Christmas comes closer, they will have lots of special treats for families, such as advent calendars, boxes of chocolates and biscuits, mince pies and so on. If you need a voucher, please speak to Mrs Janes in the office in strictest confidence.

### **Charitable Collections and Contributions:**

It is important for our children to grow up to be kind, caring and considerate citizens who can empathise with others; to support this development we raise money for different charities and for our own Parent Teacher Association (which is also a registered charity):

Our collection for **Bags to School** was amazing and we made: £236 so "Thankyou" to everyone who made a heavy contribution!

**Poppies:** We collected £184:38 for the British Legion Poppy Appeal which supports soldiers who have made sacrifices for our country. Year 2 have been learning about World War 1 and the role of the soldiers and the animals and finding out why we wear poppies in remembrance.

**Children in Need:** We collected a whopping £379 for Children in Need this year when we all wore bright colours to school.

**Harvest for Wokingham Foodbank:** This year we were visited by John from the Foodbank and we collected 258.70 Kgs of food and toiletries, which is almost double



what we collected last and will make a huge difference to the people of Wokingham who rely on this support.

### School Website

I have placed on the school website our electronic advent calendar and a presentation on how we support our children with English as an Additional Language that Mrs McDonough presented for other schools in both Reading and Wokingham. We are very proud of our provision and successes.

Judy Wheeler: Headteacher      3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019

### Dates for your diary

3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2019	The Elves are coming.....
3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2019	Beech Nativity
4 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Larch Nativity
5 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Oak Nativity
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Y1 & Y2 Snow White on Ice
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Christmas Jumper Day
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	FS1 & FS2 Christmas Songs
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	iRock Concert
16 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Violin Assembly
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Y2 Christmas Concert
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Day
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term – finishing 1 hour early