



# Shinfield Infant & Nursery School Autumn Term Newsletter 13

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the last newsletter of the term. We are sorry that we have had to close for two days but this has been under the guidance of the Health Protection Agency, and with strict infection controls the last three days have run smoothly. I hope very much that all the children who were so poorly last weekend are now beginning to feel better. Thank you for your support and many kind messages. The school will be deep cleaned again during the holiday ready for our return.



It was lovely to see so many F2 parents, carers and families coming to see the F2 Christmas performances. We hope you enjoyed these as much as we did. Thank you for the kind donations to the collection for school funds. We are looking forward to the Year 1 class assemblies next term and the Year 2 performance at the end of the year. The children have all enjoyed a range of Christmas activities this term and have also managed to keep working hard till the end of term too.

We hope all who were able to come enjoyed the Christmas Fair! Huge thanks to all the FOS for organising this and the many parents and staff who offered their help. This really helped make it a great success. The Fair has so far raised around £3000 which will all go towards resources to benefit all the children. Thank you all for coming along! There are some prizes to collect after the holiday. Please find the list attached, and we will contact winners of the auction after the holiday.

We wish you all a Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone back here for the New Year on Monday 6th January 2020. Nursery will start back on Monday 6th January with the rest of the school as well, due to being closed until the end of this term, so the children do not lose out on any days.

With best wishes, **Mrs Amanda Turner, Headteacher**

## Changes of events coming up:

- The children's Christmas sharing assembly (just for the children) will now be an Epiphany Sharing Assembly on Monday 6th January, the first day back.
- The nasal flu vaccination will now take place on Tuesday 7th January following the original arrangements.
- Fred in The Shed entertainment will now take place on Friday 10th January in the afternoon for all F2, Year 1 and Year 2 children
- Shinfield Showtime, our school talent competition, will now take place on Friday 17th January in the morning.

**Please see updated list of dates attached**

If you are not already doing so, please ensure that your child has his or her own water bottle at school clearly labelled with their name, on return to school in January. We provide named plastic cups for children without water bottles but it would be better for the environment if they could each have their own water bottle. Thank you to all who are already doing this.

Please save your Christmas card and other stamps from letters and bring these in to school. We collect stamps in aid of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. The collection box is in the school waiting area, or please hand stamps in to the school office. Thanks for your support!

## **GOLDEN GOOD BOOK**

**Friday 13th December**

### For making the best progress in reading

**Birch Class - Mrs Foldvari:**

Ellie S and Chinaza

**Maple Class - Miss Cresswell and Mrs Roedel**

Maicey, Lottie and Freddie

**Willow Class - Mrs Lowes**

David and Shay

**Apple Class - Mrs Lawn and Mrs McDonald:**

Daisy and Sathvik

**Cherry Class - Mrs Lauchlan and Miss Anderson:**

Logan and Nour

**Plum Class - Mrs Linkens:**

Summer and Aarishka

**Ash Class - Mrs Massey and Mrs Belas:**

Dontae

**Elm Class - Mrs Devos and Miss Hulme:**

Ava and Simba

**Oak Class - Mrs Gray and Mrs Feeney:**

Daisy and Reegan

**Well done children!**

# Wokingham Borough Libraries Christmas Events

The Wokingham Borough Libraries team are delighted to announce that over the festive period, they will be running a series of events to get everyone into the Christmas Spirit! These include Festive Sand Art, the Living Advent Calendar and the **Winter Reading Mini Challenge**, which will take place across the month of December and into the new year!

For more information, including dates and locations, please see the article **here**: <https://wokinghamboroughlibraries.wordpress.com/2019/11/28/news-and-events-from-wokingham-borough-libraries-december-2019/>

**PLEASE NOTE:** All of the Wokingham Libraries will be closed on Wednesday December 25<sup>th</sup>, Thursday December 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup>. Libraries will close at 3pm on Christmas Eve (December 24<sup>th</sup>) and New Year's Eve (December 31<sup>st</sup>).



Thank you to all the children and staff who wore Christmas jumpers today in aid of Save the Children. Along with the donations received from the second hand Christmas jumpers, we raised a total of £80 which is great!

## Decorated Christmas Stocking Competition

Well done to all the children who entered the decorated stocking competition run by Friends of Shinfield. These look beautiful and very colourful displayed all along the Garden Walk!

The judging was carried out by Year 6 School Council members with Mrs Runciman the Junior Head and Mrs Perrett, the Deputy Head of the Junior School. We'd like to thank them for their time and help in spotting the best designs created by the Nursery and Infant children.

Here are the winners!

Nursery: Sofia

F2 Birch Class: Elena, Maple Class: Grace K, Willow: Aiva

Year 1 Apple Class: Emily, Cherry Class; Aryadita, Plum Class: Amber Brooks

Year 2 Ash Class: Billie-Lou, Elm Class; Jessica, Oak Class: Melody

Many thanks to Friends of Shinfield who provided a prize of a chocolate Santa for each winner.

## Reading Awards

Our new Reading Award is starting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January and this half term the children are working to earn a Robot Badge. We have the Reading Badges each half term because we have found that, however able a child is at reading, it makes a real difference to their progress if they read regularly each week. It also gives them a great sense of achievement to be awarded a badge.



All the children in F2 are now part of this award, along with Year 1 and Year 2.

We would like every child to read at least 25 times between Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February, which averages out at five reads a week. We count up to two reads a day so there is always an opportunity to catch up if you miss a day.

Any of these things could be counted as a read:

5-10 minutes reading part or all of a school reading book

Practising the coloured words that they don't already know, which are stapled in their planners

Reading from a library book or other book you have at home

Sharing a book with someone else where they read alternate pages/passages (we do not count having a story read to a child as a read)

Staff will count up the reads regularly and mark them with purple pen. We regret that we cannot backdate our counting so please make sure you write in whenever your child reads to you.

Please contact your child's teacher if you have any further questions about the Reading Awards. It would be great if every child was able to be awarded a badge in our special Reading Badge Assembly at the end of this half term.

Mrs Feeny (Reading Co-ordinator)

## F2 Christmas Play 'Whoops A Daisy Angel'

Well done to all the F2 children, F2 teachers, Mrs Brown and F2 TAs for their wonderful Christmas performance. They all worked so hard and did so much practice for this. The children's costumes, singing, percussion, narrating, dancing and acting were amazing! Thank you all!





**Well done F2!  
You were  
really great!**

