



# HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear Parents / Carers,

One week to go before the festive period. I am so looking forward to the Nativity shows next week, they really are the start of Christmas for me and it's been great to hear the singing practice start already!

We are delighted to have recently taken delivery of £3600 worth of new books in to our Accelerated Reader scheme tracking the children's progress through the programme is really starting to show how much progress many of the children are making- we really hope the new books will inspire them to keep reading new exciting books. In the new year we will be auditing the non-fiction stock to add more variety to this aspect of reading as well.

Finally, a massive thank you to the Fundraisers for all their hard work in making an amazing £2581 at the Fair last week- a great achievement!

Ian Garner, Headteacher

## Year 2

*Year 2 have been enjoying their topic this term 'Healthy bodies'. In English lessons the children have been learning about Florence Nightingale. They have written a letter to Florence's sister to discuss Florence's experiences in the hospitals. They have then used their learning to write a fact file and written a story about Florence's life. Fantastic job Year 2!*

*To compare different nurses and their experiences the children have learnt about Edith Cavell and Mary Seacole, creating their own herbal remedies.*



Thank you to all the children who have spent their lunchtimes helping keep our playground tidy.



## Parking

Please park legally and safely during school drop off and pick up. There have been incidents of near misses reported to us through the dangerous driving and parking. If this type of parking and driving continues the likelihood of an incident where a person is hit will increase. **Also, please do not park on grass verges or block driveways.**

*In Maths the children have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes, making 3D shapes was lots of fun!*

*Of course, the children have learnt about how to keep their body healthy, thinking about the amount of sleep they have, the exercise they take part in and the correct types of food they eat.*

*No 'Healthy bodies' topic comes without some form of cooking, and Year 2 have enjoyed making their own sandwiches.*

*Thank you to the wonderful parent helpers for making some amazing props for our nativity. The children and staff have been working extremely hard and they cannot wait to show you!*



The elves have been very busy counting the pennies over the weekend and can now announce the total raised from our Christmas fair was £2,581. This is an amazing amount of money! We would like to say a massive thank you to all the fundraisers and staff.

The monies will be put towards replacing the outdoor timber trail, which is currently out of action.

Don't forget you can follow Wooden Hill Fundraisers on Facebook by clicking this link:

[Facebook page](#)

## Diary Dates



EYFS 9.15am/KS1 Nativity 2pm  
13<sup>th</sup> December

KS1 9.15am/EYFS Nativity 2.15pm  
14<sup>th</sup> December

End of term Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
3.15pm

## INSET Day Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

First Day of Term Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
January

Y5 trip to Science Oxford Centre  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

Y4 Cake Sale Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January

Anxiety Workshops Tuesday  
16<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> January (1pm – 3pm)

Reception Height & Weight Tuesday  
30<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January

## Weekly Attendance

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| Whole school attendance: | 95% |
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| Top class for attendance: | Kite |
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Fantastic attendance from Kite last week with 99% attendance – well done! Our whole school attendance is up on the previous week's figure.

## Nativity Performances

*(No pushchairs/buggies allowed in the hall)*

*Hot/cold beverages and sweet cones will be available to purchase, prior to all of the performances next week.*

*We accept both cash and card payments.*

