

# Leaffield C.E. Primary School News and Notices

## December Newsletter 2023

### Dear Parents and Carers

December is a lovely time of year at Leaffield C.E. Primary School and I'm delighted that so many parents have been able to join us for our Christmas events. Starting with our Christingle Service, I think all those who attended, will remember this special moment, with all of our pupils, standing in the candlelight, singing Away in a Manger. This week, on Monday Murphy Class brilliantly performed a nativity for their parents. It was also great when we almost filled the Church on Wednesday for such a special, well spoken nativity from Donaldson and a joyful, memorable medley of songs from Key Stage 2. Our Christmas activities run right up to the last day on Tuesday with a Christmas themed Design and Technology Day on Monday, Christmas Lunch on Tuesday and a surprise visitor for the children in the afternoon.



In other school news, please look out for the end of term assessment progress letters that are being sent home in book bags today. I must also give a special mention to our Blackman Class Hockey Players who, since our last newsletter, have made it through to the County Hockey Finals which will take place in February. Well done!!!

Finally, congratulations to our Governors' Cup Award Winners that were presented with their cups today:

Murphy Class	India Fowler-Harris
Donaldson Class	Sienna Simmonds
Rosen Class	Alice Pearce
Blackman Class	Charlie Holland-Crump

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas.

Ms Dean

Headteacher

### Our Vision

**Our mission is clear.** We develop young people with *healthy enquiring minds, compassion for others and the courage to act.* We aim to:

**provide excellence:** guiding every child to exceptional progress;  
**nurture enthusiasm:** through a curriculum which challenges and inspires;  
**build confidence:** where learners know the value of effort and perseverance.

**Be curious, be kind, be you!**

### Diary

Please see our school dates are on the [website](#).

### End of term

The last day of this term is Tuesday 19th December ending at 3.15 p.m. Please note that term-time holiday requests cannot be authorised. If children need to be off school due to illness directly before or after the holiday, please ensure you provide medical evidence for this.

### Reception Places

If you are looking for a place for your 3 or 4 year old for September 2024, the deadline for applications is 15 January 2024. We have shown lots of parents around the school this term and are more than happy to show prospective parents around in the new year. Please get in touch with the office if you would like to arrange a visit. **We also have a couple of places in other years (Y1 and Y2) if you know of families looking for a place.**

### Thank you to our Volunteers

At this time of year, we like to say a very **special thank you** to the following parents for their time, support and assistance.

#### FOLS:

**Lucy Evans, Kristen Huynh Tina Drayton, Lorna Stevenson, Marianne Snow Nicola Coggins, Andrew Moxey, Caroline Newbury, Dee Reed, Sam Hall Rachel Holland-Crump**

#### Event Volunteers:

**Charlbury, Outdoor Learning, Sports Events**

Rachel Beynon, Dee Reed, Hannah Saxel, Jo Rowels, Tina Drayton

**Thank you to our Open the Book team who delight the children every fortnight enacting a Bible story.**

**Thank you to Pip, our regular volunteer reader.**

**Thanks to Mr Kenny who has helped the school with all sorts of practical jobs this term.**

**And a final thank you to Hilltop Garden Centre for donating such a fabulous Christmas Tree this year.**

### Support and Contacts

Christmas can sometimes be a difficult time for families.

For support:

#### Mind:

[www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk) tel: 0300 123 3393

#### Domestic Abuse National Helpline:

tel: 0808 2000 247

If you worried about a child during the Christmas period or at any-time, anyone can call the local authority Safeguarding team: 0345 050 7666 or national NSPCC Safeguarding line: 0808 800 500

