

School News - Friday 16th November 2018

Thank you!

As you are aware we had a short Ofsted inspection on Tuesday. It was a fantastic opportunity for children, staff and governors to show the inspector what a brilliant school we are. Thank you for all your kind and thoughtful messages and I look forward to sharing the report with you when it is published in a couple of weeks time.



Remembrance



Over the past two weeks we have been thinking about Remembrance Sunday. Our Remembrance display in the hall has been the focus for our work and we held a special service on Monday 12th November. School Council reported to the school about their visit to Oakham Castle to see the poppies and showed us pictures of the magnificent display. We also have some of the poppies on display in the entrance hall. If you haven't already been to see them at the castle, I would recommend a visit when you are next in Oakham. Owls class shared very thought provoking art work and our Faith Leaders led us in prayer to close our service.



Each child in school has contributed an individual poppy to our class wreaths, which were laid during the service around our display commemorating all the local Uppingham people who served in WWII and those from our families, both past and present that have served in the military.

Thank you to all those who attended the Remembrance Service in town and represented our school. We paraded to church and I was very proud of how respectful the children were during the service. As part of the service we laid crosses, each remembering a member of the local community, around the War Memorial.

Over the past few weeks the children have been really engaged and interested in finding out about this topic and have created very thoughtful display.

Staffing News

Unfortunately, Tuesday 27th November will be my last day in school for a while as I have to go into hospital for surgery. In my absence the school will be supported by Mrs Clare Rowbotham. She is an experienced local Headteacher who has been visiting this term to get to know our school. She will be at school two days a week should you need to see her. Mr Rob Gooding, the CEO of Rutland Learning Trust (the MAT we are in the process of joining), will also continue his visits to school and will be available if needed. I am hoping to return to school after February half term as long as my recovery goes according to plan!

Parking

I am very pleased that it has been much safer for children immediately outside the school this week with people not parking in the layby. I am still concerned that people are parking dangerously in other places in the local community. Please remember:

- Do not park on bends
- Do not double park
- Do not park in front of people's drives
- Do not stop outside school and drop off your children
- The carpark is for **staff only**.

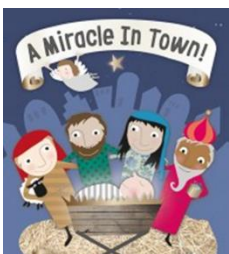
Sporting Report from Mr Heyworth

WOW - What an amazing performance! On Tuesday afternoon Anna, Lexi, Chloe, Daisy, Lily, Sophie, Alexia, Eleanor, Amelia and Chloe represented the school at the Year 5 & 6 Girls' Football Tournament which was held at UCC. Having progressed to the finals stage the girls' met Catmose in last match. As both teams had 10 players it was decided that both teams would play a 10-a-side rather than a 7-a-side match. All the girls played with energy, commitment and spirit. The action was end-to-end with our forwards making decisive strikes at the opposition goal and our defenders putting up a spirited defence. Unfortunately, much against the run of play, Catmose were able to score a couple of goals during the 20 minute match. The last 5 minutes of the match were frantic with several sizzling strikes being very unlucky not to end up in the back of the net. At the end of the game, played with an excellent sporting spirit, the team gave Catmose a resounding '3 cheers.' This game was one of the best I have seen and every girl is to be commended for a magnificent performance – well done girls!

Food Bank



A quick reminder that the Food Bank is available if you need a few little extras to put in your cupboards, especially in the run up to Christmas. If this would help make things a bit easier for you, then please pop in and see me and I can give a voucher to exchange on Friday for supplies.



A Miracle in Town

Squirrels, Hedgehogs and Badgers
Remember the ticket request slip for the nativity – "A Miracle in Town" needs to be returned as soon as possible.

Thank you for all your support buying Christmas Cards and mugs from Cauliflower Cards. Friends of the School have raised **£117**

Term 2 Dates	
Thursday 22 nd November	Foxes Class Collective Worship to Parents 9.10 am
Thursday 22 nd November	Hedgehogs and Badgers Trip to Phoenix Cinema, Leicester
Friday 23 rd November	<p>Friends of the School - Non Uniform day To support the Christmas Fayre Friends of the School are asking for the following donations in return for wearing non-uniform for the day. More details can be found at the end of the newsletter.</p> <p>Squirrels, Hedgehogs, Badgers – bring in a bottle in a bag Foxes, Rabbits, Woodpeckers and Owls – decorate and fill a jar</p>
Tuesday 11 th December	<p>EYFS and KS1 Nativity 2.00pm and 5.30pm Squirrels, Hedgehogs and Badgers are all working together to put on an amazing production.</p>
Wednesday 12 th December	<p>Bags2School Collection Having a clear out before Christmas? Save all you old clothes etc and bring them to school to help raise money for Friends of the School.</p>
Tuesday 18 th December	<p>2.00 pm Carol Service at Church Please join us as we celebrate this special time of year together.</p>
Thursday 20 th December	<p>Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Wear your Christmas jumper or something Christmassy as we enjoy the last day of term together with a Jolly Christmas Sing Song.</p>
Monday 7 th January 2019	First day of term 3

Uppingham C of E Christmas Fayre:

1st December 2018 2pm – 5pm

We are busy planning a Christmas Fayre to remember and your support is crucial to help us to raise as much money as possible to enhance our children's education

Here is how you can help:

- 1) Second hand clothes, toys and books:** please bring any of these items, clean and in good condition to the school office by Thursday 29th November.
- 2) Chutneys, jams and marmalades:** we would welcome any donations – homemade would be very much appreciated – but shop bought just as helpful. We will be adding our own magic decoration!
- 3) Unwanted mummy or daddy appropriate gifts:** we will be having a wrapping area for children to choose, buy and wrap a gift for their mums or dads.
- 4) Help on the day:** We would be hugely grateful to hear from anyone who could spare some time on the day to help run a stall.
- 5) Outdoor fairy lights:** we would be very grateful if we could borrow any outdoor fairy lights. Please label with your name and bring to the office for Thursday 29th November.
- 6) Non – Uniform Day 23rd November:** in return for the children being allowed to wear non – uniform please could we ask for the following:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: a bottle in a bag (alcoholic / non – alcoholic) for our bottle bag game. There will be a prize for the best decorated bottle bag.

Years 3 – 6: fill and decorate a jar – this could be filled with anything: sweets, unwanted small toys, hair accessories (ideas for decorations below). There will be a prize for the best decorated jar in each year group.



Keep your eyes peeled for more details about the event ... it will be an amazing afternoon: Santa's grotto, a festive photo booth, mulled wine, games, auction, performances from the Oakham Show Choir and much, much more!

Thank you for your support

Friends of the School