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DRY SANDFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 2024

CHRISTMAS FUN AT DRY SANDFORD

With a busy final couple of weeks of term, and lots of dates to remember, here is a summary of what we have coming up:

Tuesday 10th December – 2pm: *Snowy Owls and Eagle Owls Singing performance, including carols.* At St. Helen's Church, Dry Sandford. 2 adults per child welcome - no need to book. Children will return to school with their classes ready to be collected at the normal time and place.

Thursday 12th December – 2pm & 5.30pm: *Nativity performances by Owlets and Barn Owls,* in school hall - 2 adults per child welcome for each performance - no need to book. Doors open at 1.45pm and 5.15pm for the audience. Seasonal refreshments will be available for a cash donation.

Monday 16th December – PM: *Owlets and Barn Owls Christmas Parties.* Children welcome to wear Christmas clothing on this day. £1 donation politely requested for the teachers to purchase party food.

Thursday 19th December – lunchtime: *School Christmas Lunch Day.* Children welcome to wear Christmas clothing on this day. If you have not already pre-ordered a school Christmas dinner, please send your child in with a packed lunch on this day, which they can enjoy together with the rest of the school in the hall.

Thursday 19th December – PM: *Snowy Owls and Eagle Owls Christmas Parties.* No cost involved - since it's on the day of the Christmas Lunch, party food won't be provided. Children welcome to wear Christmas clothing.

During the last week of term, one of Santa's helpers will be visiting classes to give each child a Christmas selection box – this has been made possible by a very generous anonymous donor. Warm thanks from us all.

Huge thanks also to Jan Bartlett who personally gifted an advent calendar to each child last week!



PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING (Free School Meals):

Your child may be eligible for extra funding to support their learning and wellbeing at school.

This funding, which also provides Free School Meals, is available to families with an income below £16,190 who may be in receipt of benefits such as universal credit, income support, jobseeker's allowance, child tax credits.

Please pop into the school office or give us a call or an email – we just need a few details to apply on your behalf.

FODSS:

If you have a child in the school, the good news is that you're already a member of 'Friends of Dry Sandford School' (FODSS).

This term, the FODSS fundraising team have run two successful movie nights for the children, raising **£373.57** altogether, put on a wreath making evening for adults, raising a fantastic **£340**, and also organised the Christmas Card design opportunity, raising a further **£83.90**.

Since September, FODSS have very kindly used some of their funds to purchase a new **book-case and bean bags** for the school library, a **buddy bench** for the field, **Christmas craft resources** for all classes and a **Welly Rack** for Forest School.

Many thanks to all of the staff and parent helpers who have made all of this possible. Join the FODSS Facebook page for updates on upcoming events and other useful information!

To get more involved, contact FODSS: <https://www.dry-sandford.oxon.sch.uk/friends-of-dry-sandford/>



WISH LIST

Our school Amazon wish list has been put together by the staff team with a range of resources, equipment, books and games to further enhance the opportunities and experiences available for our pupils. We are grateful for any contributions you are able to make. To view and purchase from the wishlist, follow this link: <https://amzn.eu/aHsQAzg>

If you notice an item on the list that you have at home and no longer need, perhaps you might consider donating it.



TERM DATES

The last day of this term is Friday 20th December. On this day, school finishes at normal times of 3.05pm / 3.10pm. HOOTs will run until 4.15pm. We wish you all a happy, safe and restful Christmas break.

Monday 6th January 2025 is a school INSET Day which means we are closed to pupils on this day for staff training.

We look forward to welcoming all pupils back for an exciting new term on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

SCHOOL COUNCIL SECOND HAND TOY SALE

Thursday 12th December – straight after school finishes



Our School Council representatives are organising a second hand toy sale – a great opportunity to have a clear out of previously-loved toys ahead of the festive influx and bag some bargains for new gifts in time for Christmas!

Many thanks for all of the items already donated. Further donations can be sent to the school office up until Wednesday 11th December.

Please bring cash with the majority of items priced at less than £5.

To attend, after you have collected your child(ren) from class, please enter through the Eagle Owls classroom outside door (opposite the play equipment on the field) and exit through Snowy Owls classroom back onto the field.

DRY SANDFORD'S HALL OF FAME

Congratulations to the following pupils who earned certificates in Celebration Assemblies in November:



Learning & Caring Certificates:

Niyana	Nuala
Evie D	Kai
Ruby	Noah
Hope	Ewan
Ottilie	Lilyana
Evelina	Isabel
Vivan	Austin
Logan	Stanley W
	Flavia

Headteacher Awards:

Max
 Chloe
 Olivia
 Louisa
 Ewan
 Onick
 Eagle Owls Class



CALENDAR DATES:

Monday 23rd Dec 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (school closed)
Monday 6th January 2025	INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)
Monday 17th Feb 2025 to Friday 21st February 2025	HALF TERM HOLIDAY (school closed)
Monday 7th April 2025 to Monday 21st April 2025	EASTER HOLIDAY (school closed)
Monday 5th May 2025	BANK HOLIDAY (school closed)
Monday 26th May 2025 to Friday 30th May 2025	HALF TERM HOLIDAY (school closed)
Monday 2nd June 2025	INSET DAY (school closed)
Wednesday 23rd July 2025 onwards	SUMMER HOLIDAY (school closed)

You're Invited!

★ Y5 ★ Masterclasses

Every Wednesday from:
26th February - 4th June 2025
3:30 - 4:30pm



Aureus School

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ELITE CAMPS DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES DEC '24



	OVER 8'S	UNDER 8'S	ARTS & CRAFTS	HAF
MON 23	HUNGRY POLAR BEARS Benchball, Hockey, Gymnastics, Basketball	HUNGRY POLAR BEARS Benchball, Hockey, Gymnastics, Basketball	SPIRAL PAPER SNOWMAN Benchball, Hockey, Gymnastics, Basketball	SANTA YOGA Benchball, Hockey, Gymnastics, Basketball
TUE 24 2pm Finish	SNOWBALL DODGEBALL Football, Dodgeball	SNOWBALL DODGEBALL Football, Dodgeball	BEADED CANDY CANES Football, Dodgeball	CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SWEEP Football, Dodgeball



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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2024

What else is on?

- Light Up Cards
- Magical Minecraft
- Ingenious Inventions
- Comet Crackers
- Festive Filming

Different activity theme each day, please check our website for your camp activities.

What to bring ...

- Packed Lunch and Snacks
- Water Bottle
- Medication
- Weather Appropriate Clothing

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