

Letter to Parents/Carers



Dear parents and carers,

‘Tis the season for everyone! Whether you celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas, Chrismukkah, Yule, or Kwanzaa, learning about everyone’s different traditions is always special. Next week at school the children will all be learning about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah which commemorates the miracle of light linking to our school vision *Let your light shine*

14 “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:14 – 16

This week the children across the school from EYFS to KS2 have been letting their light shine before others. The school hall has been filled with twinkling stars and choirs of angelic voices. Families are in for a Christmas treat at the Nativity performances on Tuesday 13th December at 11.15am and 2.15pm and the Carol Concert on Thursday 15th December at 9.00am and 2.15pm.

Wednesday 14th December is Christmas Jumper day and everyone is welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers to school to add to the festive feeling as everybody sits down together to enjoy their Christmas Lunch.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and carers for providing costumes for the children to perform **Baarmy Bethlehem** and supporting the children to learn their lines and songs. I would also like to thank the Lambourn Staff Team for all their work in organising and rehearsing these performances with the children in addition to their daily delivery of our school curriculum; it has been a very busy time!

With best wishes

María

Miss Maria Cupit



9th December 2022

Dates for your Diary

Baarmy Bethlehem

Tuesday 13th

December 2022

Morning performance
11.15am

Afternoon performance
2.15pm

School Hall

KS2 Carol Concert

Thursday 15th December

Morning performance
9.00am

Afternoon performance
2.15pm

School Hall

Term 3

3rd January – 10th
February

INSET Day

3rd January 2023

(No school for children)



Principal's Awards

Congratulations to all the children who received Principal's Awards this week. We are all very impressed with the following children's quality of work and commitment to their learning.

Well done everyone else, remember

never, never, never give up!

F2

Year 1 Lacey & Josie

Year 2 Logan & Luca

Year 3 Sharan & Sienna

Year 4 Petra & Harrison

Year 5 Poppy & Rex

Year 6 Jay & Maisy

Living the Christian Values Medals

FS2 Florence

Year 1 Eric

Year 2 Antony

Year 3 Mia

Year 4 Keira

Year 5 Hari

Year 6 Joanne

LOVE, INTEGRITY, GRIT, HOPE and TRUST

Top Tips to Support Reading at Home during the Holidays



Concentrate on reading quality (it isn't all about reading lots!)

Don't worry too much about the 'what' and 'how' of reading each day. Books are great—but leaflets, comics, recipes and instructions on a webpage can all be great too. Following a recipe to make some cupcakes is valuable reading. Be on the lookout for reading, wherever it is!

Ask your child lots of questions

All reading matters. Shared reading is about 'reading with', not just 'reading to' (even for older children). So, ask lots of 'Wh' questions, such as Who? What? When? Where? Why? Try them when talking about books: for example, 'what do you think Harry is feeling?'

Ask your child to make predictions about what they have read

If it is a book, look at the front cover—or the last chapter—and talk about what might happen next. Look for clues in the book and be a reading detective! For example, 'can you see the bear on the front cover? Where do you think he will go?'

Ask your child to summarise what they have read

When you've finished reading, talk about what happened. Acting out the things that happened in the story or describing the big idea of a chapter is really fun and maximises learning. For example, 'can you remember all the things that happened on the bear hunt?'

Ask your child to write about what they have read

Write, or draw pictures, from anything you've read! Big writing and pictures are even more fun. For example, use an old roll of wallpaper to make a treasure map with clues from the stories you've read together.

Read and discuss reading with friends or family

Make books a part of the family. Encourage your child to share them with a relative or friend, over a video call. Laugh about them when you are making meals together. For example, 'I hope the tiger doesn't come to tea today!'

Maintain the motivation to read

Talk about the joy of reading whenever you can. **Your child is on an amazing journey to becoming a reader. Put them in the driving seat and have fun on the way!** For example, 'choose your favourite story for bedtime tonight.'

Christmas in the Lambourn Valley Benefice



Sun 4th 2nd Sunday in Advent
 EB 9.00 Holy Communion (BCP)
 LB 10.30 Eucharist
 EB 16.00 Christingle

Sun 11th 3rd Sunday in Advent
 EG 9.00 Holy Communion
 LB 10.30 Eucharist
 EG 18.00 Carol Service

Sun 18th 4th Sunday in Advent
 LB 8.00 Holy Communion (BCP)
 EB 9.30 Family Communion
 LB 11.00 All Together Eucharist
 LB 18.00 Carol Service

Thur 22nd
 LB 15.00 Come Dressed Up Nativity
 Benefice Children Service

Sat 24th Christmas Eve
 EB 16.00 Crib Service
 LB 16.00 Christingle
 LB 23.00 Midnight Mass

Sun 25th Christmas Day
 EG 9.00 Christmas Day Communion
 LB 10.30 Christmas Day Communion
 EB 10.30 Christmas Day Communion

Sun 1st The Naming of Jesus
 LB 10.30 Benefice Eucharist (said)

KEY: EB: St James the Greater, Eastbury EG: All Saints, East Garston LB: St Michael & All Angels, Lambourn

Wishing you a joyful, blessed Christmas



Revd Julie is organising carol singing in the Village on **Thursday 15th December** and **Tuesday 20th December** and all accompanied children are invited to join in.

This will be from 5.30pm-6.30 pm Meet at the vicarage and return there for drinks and nibbles; carriages at 7.30.

If you would like to come with your children please let Julie know via text message to 07749 844 600 with number of adults and children . . . to help with the catering elves!!





Would you like to learn more about how to help your child's mathematical development before they start school?

Come and be a part of three informative and relaxed sessions held on Zoom led by education advisers Kirstie Hanson & Louise Griffiths. The aim of the sessions is to explore how you can support your child with their learning at home.



Wednesday 19th April 7-8pm What is early maths?

Wednesday 26th April 7-8pm Numbers and mark making

Wednesday 3rd May 7-8pm Everyday maths in the world around you and stories

All sessions are free of charge and can be booked by emailing the Early Years Service on earlyyears@westberks.gov.uk



How to get your child school ready. Do you have a child who is due to start a West Berkshire school in September 2023?

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Monday 23rd January 7-8pm How to be a good talker

Monday 30th January 7-8pm Early Reading & Phonics

Monday 6th February 7-8pm Early Writing

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