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Dear Families,

All children from Reception to Year 6 were swept away to the Emerald City in a fresh new take on The Wizard of Oz on Friday 24th November 2023. This was a brand-new adaptation from writer Marietta Kirkbride (Five Children and It, The Egg), director Georgie Staight (Camp Albion, The Watermill), and composer and musical director Nick Barstow (From Here to Eternity, West End).

The children loved the theatre itself and the experience of a live production which contained haze, smoke, and flashing lights. They were mesmerised by the puppetry that was used by the actors to create some of the characters and the live music and musicianship of the actors, live on stage as they performed.

In this modern take on The Wizard of Oz, Toto disappeared and a desperate search through a storm transported Dot to a strange and miraculous land full of witches and wizards and unusual creatures.



Meeting new friends Tinman, Scarrow and Lionel, Dot headed to the Emerald City in search of the magical Wizard to help her find Toto and return home. However, her journey was fraught with danger as they were followed by the scheming wicked witch Westly, who stopped at nothing to get her hands on Dot's all-powerful magic shoes...

## Dates for your Diary



### Term 2

31st October 2023 – 20th December 2023

### Christmas Church Service Families Welcome

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
1.30pm

**EYFS & KS1 Nativity**  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
2.00pm

**EYFS & KS1 Nativity**  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
9.30pm

**Christmas Dinner**  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
9.30pm

**Christmas Jumper Day**  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

**KS2 Carol Concert**  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
2.00pm

**KS2 Carol Concert**  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
6.00pm

### Term 3

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 –  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**INSET Day**  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024



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With bravery, brains, and heart, Dot and her friends found Toto and made it back home to Auntie Em.

We are extremely grateful to **The Watermill Theatre** for inviting us to the production and finding sponsors and funding to enable this to be a **FREE** visit. We would also like to thank the **Lambourn School PTA** for generously providing the funding for coaches and transport to enable this to be a fully funded visit for the children.



## **Year 4 Ashmolean Museum Visit & Workshop**

The Ashmolean is the University of Oxford's museum of art and archaeology, founded in 1683. The world famous collections range from Egyptian mummies to contemporary art, telling human stories across cultures and across time.

Year 4 were able to engage in a workshop to support their school-based study of Ancient Greece. They had the opportunity to:

- Understand more about life in Ancient Greece and how the classical world still impacts on us today
- Understand more about the different kinds of materials used by craftsmen
- Develop knowledge and understanding of using archaeological evidence to learn about the past



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- explore similarities and differences between life in Ancient Greece and today
- Understand that objects can give us information about how people lived and worked



## Children in Need



Thank you to all of the families that supported our fundraising event for Children in Need this year. We are very happy to announce that we have been able to make a donation on your behalf of £162.55 which we know helps to enable the charity to improve the lives of disadvantaged children and young people around the UK.

## THANK YOU

Best wishes

*Maria*

Miss M. Cupit



# Lambourn CofE Primary School

*'Let Your Light Shine'*  
*Love, Integrity, Grit, Hope & Trust*



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## From the School Office: reminders, updates and future calendar dates

**11th December:** Christmas Church Service at 1:30pm.

**13th December:** KS1 Afternoon Nativity Performance at 2pm.

**14th December:** KS1 Morning Nativity Performance at 9:30am.

**14<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Dinner at school - please remember to choose this option on MCAS if your child would like a Christmas dinner.

**15th December:** Christmas Jumper Day (in exchange for contribution of £1 for the PTA) and a special visitor coming in to meet the children! Please return your PTA Christmas raffle tickets by this date.

**15<sup>th</sup> December:** application deadline for a nursery place at Lambourn School in January (applies to new children only). Please contact the office for more information.

**15<sup>th</sup> January 2024:** application deadline for a Reception place in September 2024. Please click on this link for more information

<https://www.westberks.gov.uk/article/40449/Applying-for-Primary-School-Places>

## Future calendar dates – new dates added in green since last issue

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| <p><b>11th December:</b> Christmas Church Service at 1:30pm</p> <p><b>13th December:</b> KS1 Afternoon Nativity Performance at 2pm</p> <p><b>14th December:</b> KS1 Morning Nativity Performance at 9:30am</p> <p><b>14<sup>th</sup> December:</b> Christmas Dinner at school</p> <p><b>15th December:</b> Christmas Jumper Day in exchange for contribution of £1 for the PTA</p> <p><b>18th December:</b> KS2 Afternoon Carol Concert at 2pm</p> <p><b>18<sup>th</sup> December:</b> PTA Christmas raffle at school</p> <p><b>19th December:</b> KS2 Evening Carol Concert at 6pm</p> <p><b>20th December:</b> Term ends at 1:30pm</p> <p><b>4th January 2024:</b> School reopens at 8:30am</p> <p><b>29th January 2024:</b> KS2 Choir member attending Young Voices Concert in O2 Arena</p> <p><b>11th March 2024:</b> Parents Evening</p> <p><b>13th March 2024:</b> Parents Evening</p> <p><b>19<sup>th</sup> March 2024:</b> Hexagon Choir Event</p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024:</b> Y5 Level 1 Bikeability</p> | <p><b>5<sup>th</sup> June 2024:</b> Class group photos</p> <p><b>24th June – 26th June 2024:</b> Year 6 Residential</p> <p><b>5<sup>th</sup> July 2024:</b> Sports Day (tbc)</p> <p><b>8<sup>th</sup> July 2024:</b> Swimming Gala (tbc)</p> <p><b>8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July:</b> Y6 Group 1 Level 2 Bikeability</p> <p><b>15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July:</b> Y6 Group 2 Level 2 Bikeability</p> <p><b>For the school term dates visit our website by clicking on this <a href="#">Term Dates</a> link</b></p> |
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## **Mild illness and School Attendance Guidance**

The DfE (Department for Education) has been reminding schools to share resources with parents on key attendance practices, which aid in making judgements about mild illness. Earlier this year (5 September), the Chief Medical Officer and leading health professionals [wrote to schools to provide a clinical and public health perspective](#) on mild illnesses and school attendance. The letter includes information for schools to pass onto parents including when is it appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with a mild illness. DfE is also encouraging schools to share the NHS ['Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#), with parents and carers in their area which has further information.

## **Is my child too ill for school?**

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

## **Other illnesses**

Follow this advice for other illnesses:

### **Coughs and colds**

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

### **High temperature**

If your child has a [high temperature](#), keep them off school until it goes away.

### **Chickenpox**

If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

### **Cold sores**

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a [cold sore](#).

Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

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## **Conjunctivitis**

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have [conjunctivitis](#).

Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

## **COVID-19**

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school. Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) and they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

## **What to do if your child has tested positive**

Your child is no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if they have symptoms. But if your child has tested positive for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.

## **Ear infection**

If your child has an [ear infection](#) and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

## **Hand, foot and mouth disease**

If your child has [hand, foot and mouth disease](#) but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

## **Head lice and nits**

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. You can treat [head lice and nits](#) without seeing a GP.

## **Impetigo**

If your child has [impetigo](#), they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

## **Ringworm**

If your child has [ringworm](#), see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP.

It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

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## Scarlet fever

If your child has [scarlet fever](#), they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

## Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [slapped cheek syndrome](#) because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

## Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a [sore throat](#). But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of [tonsillitis](#).

## Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [threadworms](#).  
Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

## Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with [diarrhoea or vomiting](#) should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).



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## Why has the Reading Framework been updated?

*"After year 1, learning in the wider curriculum depends increasingly on literacy. Pupils who cannot read well enough do not have full access to the curriculum. Those who fail to learn to read early on often start to dislike reading. They read less than others – and less often – and do not accumulate the background knowledge and vocabulary from reading that their peers do.*

*The word-rich get richer, while the word-poor get poorer."*

The Reading Framework (p68)  
October 2023

Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. The key to encouraging reading habits in children is reading with them at home from a young age. By reading together often, your child will learn first-hand the joys reading can bring, helping them develop a motivation to read.

<https://www.librariesconnected.org.uk/>



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## Celebrate Christmas in Lambourn



|                             |                      |              |  |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------|--|
| Sun 3rd                     | 1st Sunday in Advent | 10.30        | Eucharist  |
| Sun 10th                    | 2nd Sunday in Advent | 10.30        | Eucharist  |
| Tuesday 11th                |                      | 13.30        | Lambourn CE Primary School<br>Christmas Service – all welcome! |
| <b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Carol Singing</b> | <b>18.30</b> | <b>Meet at the Vicarage</b>                                    |
| Sun 17th                    | 3rd Sunday in Advent | 8.00         | Holy Communion (BCP)   |
|                             |                      | 11.00        | All Together Eucharist   |
|                             |                      | 18.00        | Carol Service  |
| <b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Carol Singing</b> | <b>18.30</b> | <b>Meet at the Vicarage</b>                                    |
| Thursday 21st               |                      | 15.00        | Come Dressed Up Nativity<br>Benefice Children Service          |
|                             |                      | 18.30        | Jingle & Mingle –<br>a celebration of Christmas                |
| Sun 24th                    | Christmas Eve        | 16.00        | Christingle  |
|                             |                      | 23.00        | Midnight Mass  |
| Mon 25th                    | Christmas Day        | 10.30        | Christmas Day Communion  |
| Sun 1st                     | The Naming of Jesus  | 10.30        | Benefice Eucharist (said)                                      |

*Christian Vision & Values Medals*

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**F2 - Maddison & Mya**

**Year 1 - Harvey & Marnie**

**Year 2 - Aarav**

**Year 3 - Hari & Maysa**

**Year 4 - Ivy & Archie**

**Year 5 - Eilidh & Shinead**

**Year 6 - Edie & Hari**

## *Reading Champions*

**Owen & Jackson**

**Isabelle & Bella**

**Children show us what you love about reading next week!**

## *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.

*Everyone else, remember, never, never, never give up!*

**F2 - Walt, Angel, Eva & Luna**

**Year 1 - Max, Marnie & Florence**

**Year 2 - Eric, Harlequin, Ivy & Dylan**

**Year 3 - Luca, Mahrosh, Logan & Jet**

**Year 4 - Phoebee, Logan, Abi & Lewis**

**Year 5 - Megan, Bella, Sofia & Jarvis**

**Year 6 - Poppy, Theo, Poppy & Edie**

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## Emotional Health Triage



### Our Triage Service

- Emotional Health Triage is a free service open to children and young people in West Berkshire who need support with emotional health difficulties. Referrals are usually made by family members, schools, GPs or other professionals.
- How it works: When a child or young person is referred, we will get in touch with their family to discuss their needs and, where possible, we will signpost them to relevant support. When we feel the young person's referral requires a more in-depth discussion, they will be discussed at our weekly multi-agency triage meeting. EHT panel members include representatives from the EHA, CAMHS, specialist charities, council services and healthcare professionals. They discuss each referral and agree what support should be recommended. This may result in an offer of support through the EHA, the referral being passed to another service and/or signposting to other appropriate organisations.
- To make a referral for a child or young person please use our [online referral form](#). For further information please see [our website](#) or email us at [emotional.health.triage@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:emotional.health.triage@westberks.gov.uk). If you are unable to use a web form, you can e-mail us to request a PDF form.
- **Please note:** We are not a crisis service. Please speak to your GP or contact CAMHS if a young person needs help with severe emotional or mental health difficulties.



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