



Newsletter 4 Autumn 2 - End of term review

The run up to the Christmas holiday is always particularly busy and the children have been working hard both academically and in all the extra and cross-curricular opportunities that have been on offer!

HARVEST DONATIONS

It seems a very long time ago now, but back at the end of last term the children held their Harvest Festival and you kindly donated food, which was donated to the Gloucester Food Bank. Thank you once again for those donations, which in total weighed 86.95kg.

CHILDREN IN NEED

The children dressed in something 'spotty' for Children In Need and raised a wonderful £361.38. Well done everyone!

TESCO POPPY COMPETITION

As part of our work with Tesco, Quedgeley, the children were given the opportunity to creatively design a poppy as part of the Tesco Poppy Appeal. Each child's design went on display and a winner for each year group received a prize goody bag.

The school winners were:

Reception – Bethany Lewis
Year 1 – Poppy Johnson
year 2 – Ella Lane
Year 3 – Harry Parker
Year 4 – Kelly Anderton
Year 5 – Eloise Bick
Year 6 - Meg Prout
Whole school winner: Sebastian Payne (Y2)

Well done to everyone who took part and Tesco would like to thank everyone for their support. The Tesco Poppy Appeal raised £13,883.26.

Thank you also to Tesco (Stroud) who donated £10 towards resources, supporting the Reception children's Christingle making!

KS1 NATIVITY & RECEPTION WINTER SHOW

Well done to all the Reception children and Years 1 and 2 on their performances these past two weeks. They all worked incredibly hard to learn many songs and words and to put on a spectacular show. There was a wonderful turnout from parents and relatives to support the children too.



YEAR 4 DANCE

As part of their PE lessons this term, the year 4 children have been working with Mrs Reid (specialist dance teacher). They were given the opportunity to perform at Ribston Hall High School on Friday 2nd December. Well done to: Oliver, George, Leilani, Alfie, Alex, Leon, Bella, Zoe, Julia, Omar, Ellie, Kosma, William and Isobel. You did the school and parents proud with your upbeat performance!

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Carol concert on Monday 12th December. The evening was packed with choir songs, poetry, bell ringing, solo pianists and dance. Well done to everyone, staff and pupils for your hard work.

TEMPORARY CAR PARK – TRAVEL PLAN WORKING GROUP

Local developers have confirmed that the temporary car park (that has kindly been loaned to us over the past three years), will no longer be available from approximately March 2017. Whilst this is 3 months away, it would be very sensible to consider ways in which the community can plan for this significant change, given the difficulties we currently experience due to some inconsiderate parking and driving too.

On Friday 25th November, a member from Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership undertook an assessment outside the school gates. Unfortunately, we do not meet the requirements for school crossing patrol. With these factors in mind, as part of the local community we are proposing that a working group is formed (6-8 members), to focus on developing an action plan to improve the situation outside the school gates. The working group may include parents (drivers and walkers to school), members from the school advisory board/local governing body, school members and other community members. If you are interested in being part of the working group (a community led group – not a school led group), please register your interest at the school office. Contact will then be made in January to initiate a working group meeting.

Congratulations to the children who earned themselves an end of term BEST certificate!



RAF	Jamie Arinc Abril Reed-Sabugal Beth Lewis Tyler Banks	1/2RH	Maciej Kudranski Kayhana Powell Maisie Hyde Dexter Penn
RNM	Chloe Godsell Adam Wojtanowski Oliver Hanson Nicola Kozuch	RRS	Adrian Areington Ellie-May Hams Callum Robins Harper Lunn-Gadd
1KO	Tilly Wynn Isaac Crook Cruz Mckinley Jarrell Baidoo	1OS	Jayden Parry Kasim Babar Erin Floy Natasha Gwizdon
2KW	Benjamin Nelson Beau Quinton Freddie Collingbourne Aston Mills	2KWH	Joshua Wood Chloe Hawkins-Brighton Romeo Tobias McKenzie Lewis
3JD	Alyse Wallace Leila Etheridge Callum Harris Michal Kowalczuk	3DH	Lola Allen Ben Snaith Ruby Jones Tobyn Stenner
4KE	Kathy-Kay Poole Bella Markham Tihomir Dodnikov George Thomas	5RP	Ellie-Rose Francis Mikolaj Zminkowski Eloise Bick Olivia Daglish
6AT	Keira Penrith Kiara Babar Keon Sanniola Mateusz Jakubowski		Congratulations to WHITLEY the winning house of the BEST points competition. The voted for treat this term was 5 extra BEST points to spend in the BEST shop.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

This half term has been exceptionally busy – children in Years 1-6 have all taken part in a specialist Zumba coaching session, thoroughly enjoyed by all. The cold weather doesn't seem to have put anyone off – we've run two football clubs, netball club and a hockey club after school this term with more participation than ever.

Last week saw another hugely successful inter-house sports event take place; house football. The frosty morning and brisk breeze didn't deter anyone, with 62 children taking part! Two KS2 teams from each house played in a round robin event, with Team Beaufort emerging winners, on goal difference from Meteor. Well done to all who took part for their House and thanks to all the children who came and supported on the sidelines! Next term sees another first; an inter-house dance competition, for all year groups – get practising!

CROSS COUNTRY This year we took our biggest team ever (40 children) to the Gloucester Cross Country Championships. Our children performed brilliantly and importantly, represented Waterwells impeccably. Well done to everyone who took part. A special mention to Freya Thomas (Year 2) who finished a superb 4th place, out of 150 girls. Also, congratulations to Megan Prout (Year 6) who finished in 7th place after a gruelling 1800m race, subsequently being selected for the Gloucester district cross country squad.

GIRLS FOOTBALL The girls' football season ended recently with great success for Team Waterwells. As a result of winning our League group, a chilly evening in late November saw the team play in the League Play Off Finals against the other top 3 teams in Gloucester. The standard of football was exceptional and Waterwells did brilliantly to finish 2nd overall (1 win, 1 draw, 1 loss).

The final event of the season saw Waterwells represent the Gloucester district at the county cup finals (having won the Gloucester event in October). Opposition from across the county descended at Oxstalls and once again, the girls performed brilliantly against some very good teams. We finished 3rd in our group, beating North Nibley in the 3rd place play off, with goals on the night from Meg, Leilani & Keira. A superb debut season in the league; well done girls!

BOYS FOOTBALL The Boys League is still continuing – a single defeat in the League means all is still to play for in our group. Superb team performances have recently contributed to victories against Castle Hill, Croft and Tuffley and a hard fought draw at Croft. Well done to Keira, Leilani and Xander who have stepped into the team recently.

Last week saw Waterwells represent the Gloucester district at the small schools county cup finals (having won the Gloucester event in October). A wonderful display of skill and teamwork saw the team finish a creditable 2nd place, conceding only 1 goal, in the final. Well done all!

Miss Dando & Megan Prout (Sports Captain)

The children will return on Wednesday 4th January.
Have a wonderful festive break and a Happy New Year.