

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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An Inspector Calls...

You know you want to...

TOP GUN tickets are now available on the Corn Exchange website!! You can book online at <http://www.cornexchange.org.uk/> and click on [HERE](#).

Please spread the word and invite your friends and any other interested groups so that we have a sell out! A percentage of the proceeds will be going to The Treehouse.

Wallingford Winter Festival

We will be doing a stall at the Wallingford Winter Festival again this year. If you have time to make some sweets, biscuits or individual cakes, or to fill some jars with goodies to sell we would be most grateful.

Now that the dust has settled...

Shaz and I are planning to have a post Ofsted evening out at The Memories of Bengal this Wednesday at 7.00 pm. If you fancy joining us, you would be most welcome. Please let me know by Tuesday (26th November).

Forthcoming Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 24 th November	11.00 - 3.00 pm Have-a-go craft day at the Scout Hall.
Monday 25 th November	Fraser-Jones Family's choice of Music
Tuesday 26 th November	Swimming
Thursday 28 th November	Visit to Cholsey Church.
Friday 29 th November	Friday Forest at Lollington (bikes tbc)
Sunday 1 st December	Nativity at Wallingford Winter Festival 1.30 pm and 3.00 pm. Children to come to the festival in their costumes please.

Phew! That was a bit of a week...

Although we knew that an inspection was imminent, when the phone rang on Monday morning and we were informed that Jim Henry, our Ofsted inspector, would be with us from Tuesday to Thursday, our hearts sank!

Having been through very many inspections, both Shaz and I were absolutely dreading it...

However thanks to the children and all of you, we made it through the inspection and lived to tell the tale!

Although it wasn't the most pleasant of experiences, Jim was fair and very helpful. However I can't help but think why he didn't just ask the children to decide how well the school was doing. When I explained to them towards the end of the visit that Mr. Henry was writing the report and asked them if they would give The Treehouse a red, yellow, green or gold overall, the majority thought it should be green (with some golden spots!) explaining, "because to get a gold, all of the children would have to be golden in all of the smart areas and we're not yet; but we will be before we leave." What an intelligent and astute response. The Government could save themselves a lot of time, and the school a lot of money (we have to pay for our inspection!) if they asked the children.

Cholsey Parish Council would like to appoint a Children's Worker. The successful applicant will run the - soon to be launched - Homework Club, a weekly activity session for young children in the library, the Summer Holiday Play Scheme and undertake some 1:1 family work in association with Cholsey Primary School.

The post will be term-time only, with the exception of a two week period during the summer holiday to cover the Play Scheme.

The successful applicant will be subject to a DBS check due to the nature of the post. Salary £4,500 pa.

For an application pack please contact Cholsey Parish Council on 652255 or cholseypc.clerk@mediummail.co.uk

Deadline for applications: midday Thursday 12th December. Interviews w/c 16th December.



Going for Gold!

Keeping You in the Loop

The children have been involved in writing their own version of the Nativity in preparation for Wallingford's Christmas Shopping Event next weekend. This has given us the opportunity to start to think about Christianity in more depth. This week, we plan to spend some more time looking at the Bible and visiting Cholsey Church to meet the vicar and find out more about Christianity. Helping the children to learn and understand more about other religions and cultures enables them to develop tolerance and become more 'people smart', such an important quality in today's world. We will also be developing their research skills or helping them to become more 'learner smart' as we look at how we can gain information from a range of sources, e.g. books, experts.

Trees

- Give your child a set of objects to count e.g. buttons, and then ask them to see how many lots of two there are in the set.
- "Take 5" - How many times can your child write c, d, g, o (all letters in the c family) in five minutes?

Houses

- Ask your child to teach you how to add these three digit numbers together using a strategy called partitioning.
 $324 + 675 =$
 $562 + 467 =$
 $672 + 429 =$

Looking for something to do. How about...

Word Smart

- **Creating your own anagrams for somebody else to solve. Try unscrambling this one for a start: ljeign sellb clue: A jolly melody**
- **Practicing your lines from the Nativity Script if you have a spoken part.**

Body Smart

- **Go for a bike ride showing your parents what you have learned in our cycling sessions.**

Music Smart

Practice Jingle Bells on your recorder.

Learner Smart

- **Doing some research for your individual project.**
- **Thinking of some activities that you would like to do during our winter project.**

Practically Smart

- **Make your secret Santa gift.**

To Celebrate...

- **Ollie for a golden cushion hat trick! Ollie got to sit on the golden cushion three times in one day for speaking confidently to a visitor, being able to keep doubling 52 until he got to 208 and being extremely self smart and patient with us.**