

# THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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## Christmas Carol Concert

We have one or two surprises up our sleeve at this year's Carol Concert, which we hope that you will enjoy. Please can the children be at The Scout Hall for 6.30 pm wearing a Treehouse t-shirt and dark trousers or leggings. The children are likely to be tired on Tuesday so please let them have a lie-in! Those that would like to take advantage of the late start, will need to be at school by 10.00 am prompt for our trip to Millets Farm ice skating on Tuesday.

## Ice Skating

Please can the children wear warm clothing, with thick socks and bring hats, gloves and scarves to school on Tuesday. They will be given £1.00 to spend on a delicious cake for their pudding and The Treehouse will provide a packed lunch to accompany this. Children will be dropped at home after school from 3.15 pm.

## Friday Forest

Cassie and The Old Bakehouse Forest group have invited The Treehouse children accompanied by a parent, to their final 'bring and share Christmas Party' session on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. The session starts at 12.00 and finishes at 3.15 pm. If you would like to join the party, please contact Cassie directly.

## No Room in The Update...

The final Update of the year is so packed, that there is very little room for my usual spiel. So I shall use what little space I have to thank you all for such a positive, successful and happy year at The Treehouse and to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.  
With love from Lee, Shaz and The Gang xx

## Something to Look Forward To...

Alison and James Robertson's good friend, Joy, the creator of Play School which some of you may remember from your childhood, has just created a film called 'Mouse and Mole at Christmas Time.' Joy will visit The Treehouse in January to share the film with the children and discuss its production. It has just been announced on the internet that 'Mouse and Mole At Christmas Time' is scheduled to be shown on Monday 16 December at 16.45 on Cbeebies, and then again on BBC1 on Boxing Day at 09.25 am. If you get a chance to watch the film over the break it will be good preparation for Joy's visit in January.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2013/mouse-and-mole-xmas.html>

Dear Lee,

Thank *you* very much for inviting me to The Treehouse, I had a super time. It was an absolute delight to meet you, Sharon and of course the Treehouse children. I was so impressed with their quiet confidence and ability to communicate with adults and each other. I thoroughly enjoyed my guided tour and am amazed at what you are managing to achieve. Lunch was lovely. You are doing a great job.

Have a lovely Christmas  
Helga

## Dates for Your Diary

- 16.12.13 7.00 pm Carol Concert at The Scout Hall (all welcome)
- 17.12.13 10.00 am start for those that need it!  
Ice Skating at Millets Farm. Children will be dropped off at home at 3.15 pm approx.
- 19.12.13 12.00 noon Christmas Lunch at The Red Lion  
Secret Santa. Early finish and end of term.
- 6.1.13 Parent/teacher 'Smart Reviews' at The Treehouse. Times to be circulated.
- 7.1.13 Spring term begins



# Going for Gold!

## Keeping You in the Loop

Thanks to Sally and Jo, Shaz and I were able to spend a day last week evaluating the autumn term and planning ahead for the spring term. One of the areas that we are keen to capitalize on is the children's interest in different topics. As you may know, each child has started an 'individual project', selecting a subject or theme that they are particularly interested in e.g. volcanoes, The Royal Family, Endangered animals, space, World War II. During the first half of the spring term, we plan to give the children more time to develop their individual projects. We have also suggested that they think about potential visits and visitors that would help them with their research. This is something that they may like to look into during the Christmas Holidays.

### Trees

Please continue to read to and with your child during the Christmas holidays; encourage them to write for a purpose e.g. Christmas lists, thank you letters; and capitalise on any opportunities for counting e.g. how many more doors are left on your advent calendar, how many sweets are left in the tin etc.

### Houses

The Houses have made tremendous progress with their times tables this academic year. Please focus on this during the Christmas holidays whenever possible. Also, they will be given an italic handwriting sheet to take home for the holidays.

## Looking for something to do. How about...

### People Smart

- **Helping at home without being asked.**

### Music Smart

- **Practicing Jingle Bells on the recorder.**

### Practically Smart

**Making a Hamma bead entry for Martha's competition.**

**Making and writing your own thank you cards to give out after Christmas.**

**Making some Christmas treats e.g. truffles, cookies, for friends and family.**

- **Body Smart**

**Challenging yourself to eat five portions of fruit and vegetables every day during the Christmas Holidays.**

- **Word Smart**

**Reading one of our new books over the holidays – they are in The Study, help yourself.**

**Making conversation with somebody that you don't know very well.**

## To Celebrate...

- Eve Evans, one of our Trustees would like to nominate Ian Casey for the golden cushion this week for his help on the General Stall. The Treehouse Gang, would like to nominate Eve, Andrea, Jo and all of the volunteers that help out for working so hard all year to make the General Stall such a successful enterprise.