

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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The Treehouse School



Back to 'normal', a much needed play day in Shotover Woods on Friday

Top Team Strikes Again!

Gracie's face lit up as she announced with a handful of notes, "I've raised over £100.00!!" What a great sense of pride and achievement she felt.

Our Christmas Sales were a real success thanks to the children, and to you all ...AGAIN! Talk about pulling out the stops, whatever the challenge, you all rise to it, and support us, in this instance raising well over £600.00 in the process. So whether you were a creator, donator, customer, supporter or helper, I should like to thank you. Now...what shall we do next?!!

Hi Gang, What a wonderful sale at the Day Centre today, and it was a pleasure to be with you all again. All your handicrafts were excellent. Congratulations on your very high standard of work and such an excellent variety of things to buy. I was also impressed with the way that you all spoke to your customers and also your excellent maths when adding up and giving change. Good luck with your sales tomorrow. Gilly

Had a great time at the sale yesterday - quality and selection of crafts were excellent - children's efforts incredible - due to persuasive vendors, spent far too much!!! Congratulations to all concerned. Eve

Wallingford Christmas Festival

Well didn't that come around quickly?! Our Nativity performances this year will be held on **Sunday 7th December** at **12.30pm** and **2.30 pm**, in the courtyard behind Down to Earth. Please could the children be there ten minutes before each performance, wearing their costumes, or if they are a Year Six, wearing a Treehouse Sweatshirt or fleece.

Whilst at the Festival, you may wish to visit St. Mary's Church four-day Christmas tree festival starting on Thursday 4th December at 7,30 pm. Twenty-three companies have sponsored a tree, which has been decorated by a local charity or good cause on the theme of a carol or song. Can you spot our tree?

Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 29 th November	2.00 – 3.00 pm Michael Rosen
Monday 1 st December	Bob's Music Choice
Tuesday 2 nd December	Swimming
Thursday 4 th December	Ollie's birthday
Friday 5 th December	Fix-it-Friday am Pantaloons performance pm 4.30 pm approx. finish. Late walk home drop off or collect from the Great Hall please.
Sunday 7 th December	Nativity at Wallingford Christmas Festival 12.30 pm and 2.30 pm. Please be there ten minutes before.
Monday 8 th December	Robertson's Music Choice
Tuesday 9 th December	Trip to London to see Handel's Messiah. 5.00 – 5.30 pm return at the earliest. Home drop off.
Thursdays 11 th Dec	10.00 am start for those that need it. Charity Christmas Shopping in Wallingford. Please bring some pocket money to spend.
Friday 12 th December	Friday Forest Wittenham Clumps
Monday 15 th December	Gilly's Music choice Deadline for Short Story Competition
Tuesday 16 th December	Wind in the Willows Theatre Trip, Oxford. 5.00 – 6.00 pm Home drop off, depending on traffic.
Wednesday 17 th Dec	Carol singing around the village
Thursday 18 th Dec	Christmas Lunch at The Red Lion End of term
Tuesday 6 th January	New Term Begins
Friday 9 th January	Friday Forest at The Millennium Woods

The Nearly New Sale raised £255.50. Thank you Sally for organising this event, and to all those who helped, or supported the sale.



Going for Gold!

Trees

Write a list of all the notes and coins that there are. Then tip out the money in your money box, (or your Mum or Dad's purse or wallet) and sort it into notes and coins of the same amount. Note down how many you have of each and then add up the total, with help if you need it. Don't forget to double check your total.

Houses

Create a Christmas Shopping List for members of your family, using a catalogue or the internet to help you. Use column addition to add up the total that you would need to purchase the gifts on your list. Double check and then get an adult to triple check your total. Do you have enough money? What could you do to earn some pocket money?

Keeping You and Your Child in the Loop...

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be focusing on 'Christmas in the Community' thinking about all that we do, and can do, to make sure that those around us have an enjoyable and Happy Christmas. Participating in events such as the Wallingford Christmas Festival, visiting members of our local community with handmade cards and gifts, and focusing on the needs of others at Christmas, will hopefully help the children to become even more considerate, or 'people smart' than they already are. Instead of giving each other Christmas cards this year, we are encouraging anybody that would like, to donate the money that they would have spent on cards, to Andrea's son Harry Turner. Harry will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in September next year in aid of The Meningitis Research Foundation. We will keep a record of our fundraising efforts for Harry on a 'Mountain' at school.

If you are looking for something to do, how about:

Word Smart

- Start planning and drafting your 100 word short story for our next competition. The deadline is Monday 15th December.
- If you are a Year Six, practise your lines for the Festival.

Learner Smart

- In preparation for our trip to London, listen to some of The Messiah on YouTube. Do you recognise some of the parts of the story that Rob described?

- Practically Smart

Make your secret Santa gift, or a gift for a member of your family.

A special Mention to Freya and Paul for walking to school (all the way from Wallingford!) on Friday.