

THOMAS READE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



December 2016

Congratulations to:

Our Year 5 and 6 Football Team who won their first game of the season beating St. Michaels 6 - 0
Class 7, who were thrown back in time to the age of Henry VIII at Sulgrave Manor where they dressed up as Tudors and retold Tudor history.

All the children who raised £207 for Children in Need had lots of fun dressing up at school.

Mr. Philpott, Joyce and Mr. Serle who were Graded as Outstanding in our Health and Safety Monitoring visit by the Local Authority.

Mrs. O'Hare, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Cohen and Mrs. Mulholland and all the children and the mums, dads and grandparents, who came to the Reading Café Session. This proved so popular they will be repeated in the New Year.

Isabelle Doran, Naomi Wray, Samuel Hughes and Olivia Chappelle, pictured below, who took part in the Oxford Maths Challenge at St. Edwards School, Oxford.

Mr. Motion and his Tag Rugby Team, pictured below, who played brilliantly – a bit like England – in the Grove Tag Rugby Festival. They won 3 games, lost 2 and were 3rd in their group.



Our School Swimming Team who are Abingdon Champions, pictured below, who will now go on to represent the Town in the Vale Finals.

To Classes 3 and 5 who took part in the Tennis Coaching Session at the Vale of White Horse

Class 7 who sang so beautifully at the Abingdon Festival of Carols at St. Helens Church

School Association for their fantastic Christmas Bazaar who raised over £1,500

Classes 2 and 3 on their brilliant production of Father Christmas of Oz

Class 1 for showing the 'Ahh' factor in their lovely 'I spy Christmas'

Mrs. Holt and the children from Classes 5 and 6 who entertained the parents with some lovely carols in the school hall. (the mince pies were delicious too)

Mrs. Holt then took Class 5 to sing at the Wellbeing Centre in Abingdon.

All the children who took part in the Abingdon Gym Festival

Catherine Washington, Becky Spiers and Martine Leach for a lovely Christmas dinner. They served 220 dinners and peeled 650 potatoes.

Class 6 who visited Reading Museum to live the life of a Victorian school child for the day. Dunce hats were worn and canes did fly.

Mrs. Moulster, Miss O'Hare and their Dance Troop, pictured overleaf, who performed so brilliantly at the New Theatre in Oxford.

Our newly trained Anti Bullying Ambassadors, pictured overleaf, Jack Messenger, Sam Washington, Anna Staroske, Evie Hicks, Ruby Moore and Freya Walter.



Whole School on their enjoyment and behaviour at the Playhouse Theatre in Oxford when they went to watch Cinderella. Oh no they didn't – Oh yes they did!!!

Foundation on their visit to the Theatre to see Once Upon a Snowflake

Review of Clubs, Trips and Visits

As a school we have a firm belief that all our children should have an equal opportunity to benefit from School Activities and visits both curricular and extra curricular. The fantastic range of Clubs is run by staff who give up their time, free of charge, to allow all our children to expand their range of hobbies and interests.

In the new year we will be reviewing the numbers and timings of trips that the children go on to ensure that financial pressures, particularly around Christmas time, are reflected in the timings and costs of these visits. We will also be looking at different visits which do not involve large costs in terms of coaches. All of these visits take a great deal of organisation, not just by the teaching staff, but by the office staff as well.

The educational benefits of these visits have a massive impact on children's understanding of the topics they are studying, inspire their imagination and give immense enjoyment to all who take part.

Clubs and Activities

Clubs and Activities will restart on the week beginning Monday 9th January, 2017.

Outdoor Gym

The outdoor gym will be available for use for Key Stage 2 children after the Christmas holiday. The gym equipment is not designed for Foundation and Key Stage 1 children. Mrs. Moulster will give safe instruction on the use of the gym equipment to classes 4,5,6 and 7 in the first week of term. Key Stage 2 children that are using the outdoor gym after school must be supervised by an adult at all times and do so at their own risk. They must follow the clear safety instructions on the gate of the gym and the individual instructions for each piece of gym equipment. We hope the children will enjoy the use of the equipment in a safe and purposeful way.

Adult Behaviour in and Around School

In our school community we all have rights and responsibilities. As adults we have the responsibility to ensure that our actions and language reflect us as good role models for all the children at all times. Recently this has not been the case and some adults have taken it upon themselves to deal with issues between children in an inappropriate way.

If your child has any problems or issues in school these should be discussed with school and not dealt with in school by parents/carers irrespective of their relationship with the child.

Finally

A reminder that school breaks up on Friday 16th December at 1.15pm.

May I take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their support throughout the year and wish you and your children a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all at 8.50am on Wednesday 4th January, 2017