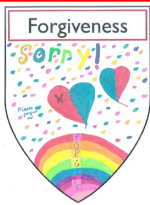


Oldswinford Cof E Primary School

'Believe, achieve and shine brighter together'



Autumn Newsletter: 21st December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy but brilliant week it has been! Year 6 have been to the Panto at Chawn Hill Church, we've had Christmas Parties and our lovely Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's Church. This is always one of my favourite parts of Christmas... the children sang so beautifully. Thank you to all involved for making it such a special night. It has been an amazing year at Oldswinford - thank you so much for your continued support. I hope you have a very Happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in 2024!

From Ellie Game



Value of the half term...

Gentleness

This week our worship group helped to lead our worship and shared another nativity story. This time it was from the point of view of the Donkey and the other animals in the stable. They were brilliant and we enjoyed listening to the story they shared.

The Open the Book team also joined us for worship this week - the children always love them coming into worship. They were helped out by 9 year 6 children this week. Thank you!

Let your gentleness be evident to all.
The Lord is near.
Philippians 4:5

New Caterers!

We are really excited for our new caterers to start in January. We'd love lots of you to try a hot meal or a grab-a-bag option when we start back.

Any meals ordered need to be ordered 7 days in advance on parentmail - the menu has already been sent home but you can also see what's on offer each day when you order.

If your child has any allergies, don't forget to complete the form which came home on parentmail a few weeks ago. We can't wait to hear what you think!



Dates for next half term...

Monday 8th January: Back to school
25th January: Choir trip to young voices
2nd February: Numbers Day
6th February: Safer Internet Day
9th February: Break up for half term
19th February: Back to school

12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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