

# WHADDON NEWS

November 2017

## Skip to be Fit Festival

On Tuesday 7th November we went to a skipping festival. But we didn't just skip! There was quite a lot of other schools there. We went to Buckingham school in Mrs Davies' car. We told lots of funny stories on the way. When we arrived we were feeling scared and excited.

We did lots of different kinds of skipping. We jumped over skipping ropes and cones, we skipped over hurdles and played lots of relay races. Miss Cartwright had to take part in one of the relay races because there wasn't enough children. We also had to do lots of cheering. We were all good at running while skipping and Caylee was best at skipping on the spot.



At the end a giant bee came buzzing in the door and we gave him lots of big hugs and his name was Buzz Bee. Then we got certificates and medals for skipping. We were there for 2 hours and it was lot of skipping but we weren't even out of breath! Some people were there who didn't know how to skip and they did very well. They got an extra medal but we didn't because we knew how to skip. We had lots of fun and also the mums and dads were watching us. By Caylee, Evelyn and Lily.



### *Trip to the Forest* by Camron and Kaleb

We went on a coach to Stoke Goldington Christmas Trees. When we got there we met two Christmas elves called Chris and Jenny who gave all the teachers Santa hats. We split into two groups. Group one went to see the Christmas trees growing in the fields and group two sketched at the cabin. Then we swapped over. We looked at ginormous trees and tiny baby trees and some very wide trees. There are two types of trees, one is fluffy and one is spikey. We all went into a field to choose a Christmas tree for our school. It was lots of fun. We found a bushy, tall Norway Spruce and Chris chopped it down with his chainsaw. We all yelled "timber!" He carried it back to the cabin and put it through a netter and then we bought it home on the bus.

After lunch at the cabin we went to Salcey Forest to hunt the Gruffalo! We found loads of clues like big claw marks down trees and teeth marks. We had a fun run around and jumped in lots of gooey mud. Luckily, we were wearing our forest school clothes so we could get muddy! When we got on the bus to go back to school we were so tired. Lots of us had a nap. We all really enjoyed our day and can't wait to go back next year.





### Foundation Stage News

The children have been very interested in writing this month. We just can't stop them!!! From writing messages to each other, creating books and sharing them with the class, to using the new writing tool kit bags to take statements when arresting villains on the playground. Or, as Adam suggested "I know! I can write down what I keep forgetting to tell you!"

Another new addition was in the form of a very kind donation of 30 tyres. Foundation stage showed problem solving, resilience and teamwork, not to mention kindness and patience as they manoeuvred them across the bumpy field. They then became a source of delight as they were jumped on, balanced and rolled, built up "Taller than Mrs Davies!", not to mention covering Miss Padbury from head to foot in them. Counting, and measuring were all enthusiastically carried out as part of the children's play. What amazingly imaginative children we have!





## Forest School News

Winter is creeping towards us and we've had some chilly noses at Forest School! Attending a weekly Forest School session is a great way for children to notice changes in the seasons, both large and small.

The children from Class 1 have been role playing over the past two weeks. The general theme is Dungeons and Dragons which has created opportunities to discuss the differences between the past and present.

Some of the Class 1 children have been very creative recently; they've been decorating leaves and stones, making stick dolls and creating Forest School books. Naturally, they used charcoal from the previous week's fire to draw and write in their books.!

Class 2 has also been creative. Their projects include pen holders and pens, using tools such as pen knives to whittle wood. Some of the children also decorated autumn leaves with glitter to make a collage. They went on to create a picture frame for their collage, using sticks they had gathered. .

The changes in season prompted a discussion about evergreen and broadleaf trees; the children from Class 2 are becoming very good at identifying the plants they see every week at Forest School. The children mentioned the berries on the Rowan trees and sensibly asked to find out whether they were poisonous.

It has been a chilly but invigorating few weeks at Forest School. There have been a lot of rosy cheeks!





### Final Weeks Rundown

As we begin December, we will become very busy with all the festivities so, to keep you informed, here are arrangements up to the end of term.

**Christmas Cards**—If children wish to write Christmas cards for their friends, please can they be labelled with the recipient's name and the class they are in. We have 3 Archie's for instance so this will help postman Joe to ensure they are sorted and given to the correct child. Please enable this to be a real-life writing opportunity for your child. For example, Year 2 and 3s should write their own cards, Year 1s and Foundation Stage children should at least sign their names on each card. The children then post them in the school Christmas Postbox in the foyer by Friday 15th at the very latest, ready to be given out on Monday morning.

**Early morning booster group** — Final session on Friday 8th December.

**Nativity**—Friday 8th December: Performances- Dress rehearsal 10.00 for parents with younger siblings;

Evening performance 18.00, no younger siblings please. Can all children be delivered to the village hall no later than 17.40 please. 2 adults per child admitted due to Fire regulations.

**Year 2 Christmas Experience**— Wednesday 13th December. 13.30

**Pantomime Trip**— Friday 15th December. Children should arrive at school on time and in school uniform. While we will return in time for lunch, children should bring a packed lunch to eat in school after the trip. (there will be no Forest School on this day)

**Everything to go home** on Friday 15th December. Please do not send anything else in until January. No club on this day.

**Party Day**—Monday 18th December. Party clothes needed. Sensible outdoor shoes for safety please. No club on this day.

**Last Day of Term**— School uniform needed (no bookbags or anything else as the children won't want to carry anything up to church in the afternoon). 14.00 Carol Concert. Everyone invited. This is a lovely way to begin the Christmas holidays, singing carols together, wishing each other Merry Christmas, then leaving to begin your own family festivities. No club on this day.





## For the Fallen

By Laurence Binyon

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them.

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Friday 8th December	Nativity-All children	18.00-19.00	Village Hall
Friday 8th December	Final early morning booster group	8:30am	School
Thursday 14th December	Flu Clinic	14.30	School Hall
Friday 15th December	Whole School Trip to the Panto	9.00am	Aylesbury Theatre
Friday 15th December	Everything to go home—No bags needed until next term		
Monday 18th December	School Party Day Party clothes needed	All day	School
Tuesday 19th December	End of year Carol Concert—Everyone Welcome	14.00-15.00	St Mary's Church
Thursday 4th January	All children return to school	8.50 am	School

## SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2017</b>	Monday 4 September	Friday 20 October
	Monday 30 October	Tuesday 19 December
<b>SPRING TERM 2018</b>	Wednesday 3 January	Friday 9 February
	Monday 19 February	Friday 30 March
<b>SUMMER TERM 2018</b>	Monday 16 April	Friday 25 May
	Monday 4th June	Tuesday 24 July

### TERM TIME BANK HOLIDAYS 2017/2018

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – May Bank Holiday

### INSET DAYS 2017/18

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
 Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018  
 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018  
 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018



**Year 1**

**Work to be Proud of**

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on C of E First



Compassion Ed

**Jessica's creative Bear in a Den composition with  
visiting bear by Claudia**



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Charley's carefully textured hedgehog

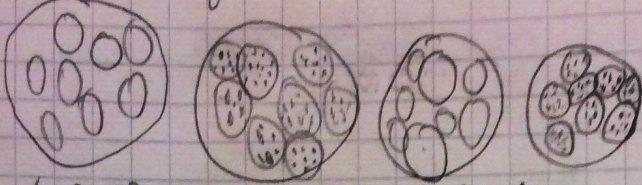


# Year 2 and 3

## Work to be Proud of

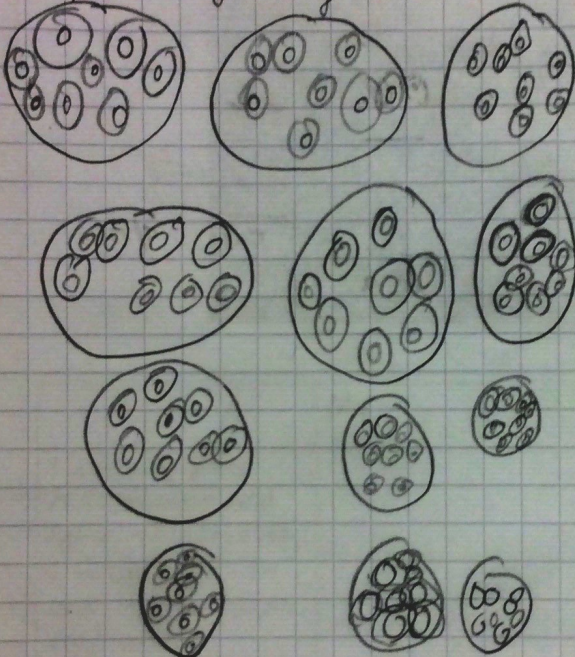
28.11.17 LO: To multiply by 8

F There are 4 trays of cookies.  
Each ~~tray~~ tray has 8 cookies.




$4 \times 8 = 32$ . There are 32 cookies in all.

There are 12 plates of doughnuts.  
Each plate has 8 doughnuts on.



$12 \times 8 = 96$  There are 96 doughnuts in all.

There are 3 plates of 8 cupcakes.  
Each plate has 8 cupcakes



$8 \times 3 = 24$ . there are 24 cupcakes in all.

Ella's multiplication stories for the 8 times tables