

Great Wishford C.E. (V.A.) Primary School

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Thank you to everyone for your support of our Christmas performances and for the very positive feedback we have received. We still have the copies of the photographs from both the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 events, so please do ask at the office if you would like to have prints of any of these.



We also sent off an impressive 47 shoe boxes to the Christmas Box Appeal so thank you to everyone for taking part in supporting this charity run by the Trussell Trust.



Restorative Justice



Following the successful introduction of "Restorative Justice" to our school, pupils met Judith Finney from Salisbury Diocese and John Collins who is the CEO of a National Company supporting this ethos. The pupils provided an impressive presentation to show how this process is used in our school. John was very impressed by the confidence and enthusiasm of our pupils.

We are delighted to let you know that we have been successful in securing funding from the Ernest Cook Trust to allow us to catalogue our school library using the "Reading Cloud". The **Reading Cloud** is a fantastic new online **reading** community designed to engage students, parents and teachers in **reading** for pleasure. The company providing this exciting English resource will be cataloguing all our books over the next few weeks and we will send out more information for parents once this has been completed.

Collective Worship

Our theme this term is 'Peace'. We enjoyed welcoming parents to our Christingle Service today and hope you enjoyed the opportunity to join us for this special service.



Friends of the School

Thank you to everyone who communicated their willingness to support starting up this fundraising committee. We would like to organise the first meeting on Wednesday 25th January at 6.30 pm in the school library. Please do come along with enthusiasm and ideas for fundraising and events.

The Governors and I would like to inform you of the resignation of Mrs Barker, Year 5/6 class teacher, which we received at the start of this year. She will be leaving at the end of the Easter Term in April. The Strategic Governors and Staffing Governors have met and reviewed the situation. Adverts have been placed in the TES and internal recruitment sections and interviews have been planned before the end of the half term. We will keep you up to date when a replacement has been appointed.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 26th Jan - 1st Meeting of the New Friends of the School 6.30 pm

Wed 8th Feb - Key Stage 1 Reading morning 9.00 - 9.45 am School Hall

Fri 10th Feb - Last Day of Term

11-19th Feb - Half Term Holiday

Mon 20th Feb - Back to School - Term 4

Wed 1st March - 1.30 pm Online Safety Workshop for parents - School Hall

Tues 21st -Fri 24th March - Book Fair - School Hall

Mon 27th March Class Photographs

Thurs 6th April - Easter Eggstravaganza/open classrooms

Fri 7th April - Last Day of Term

We value your opinion.....

The Governors and staff of the school have an 'open door policy' so if you have any queries, concerns, feedback on school events etc. please do call in at the office or give us a call.

