

# NEWSLETTER

Chaddleshworth St. Andrew's and Shefford  
CE Federated Primary Schools



**'Living life in all its fullness' John 10:10**

**Christian Values: Community, Compassion, Courage, Trust, Perseverance, Thankfulness**

## Dear Parents and Carers

The festive spirit really has been in full swing this week! We welcomed our families, friends and community to share the Nativity story with Robins and Kingfishers, and then the Christmas story and Carols with Owls and Red Kites.

An invitation from Great Shefford Under 5s was accepted by Robins and the House Captains to share their Nativity in St Mary's Church.

Finally our week came to a close with the much anticipated annual pantomime show!

We now look forward to our Christmas jumper day, Christmas service with Reverend Mike, and School Christmas lunch next Wednesday!

I hope everyone has a few moments of peace over the weekend during this incredibly busy time of year.

See you all on Monday,  
Ms Munday, Acting Headteacher  
[www.csfschools.org](http://www.csfschools.org)



## Class Blogs

Do have a look at the updated class blog pages to find out about your child/ren's learning this week.

[Robins Class Blog](#)

[Kingfishers Class Blog](#)

[Owls Class Blog](#)

[Red Kites Class Blog](#)

## The first Christmas story...

We are all so incredibly proud of our children and their presentation of the Christmas story to you, and all our visitors. I'm sure everyone who had the opportunity to join our audiences would agree that the children's stage presence, spoken word, acting and singing was just magical!



Again, let's take the opportunity to thank all our school staff involved in these productions- it really is a team effort where we go above and beyond!

Also a big thank you to Lawrence for the time, effort, energy and hi-tech equipment he brings to our productions- the icing on the cake for the performances!

## Pantomime trip

A HUGE thankyou, again, to our PTFA whose fundraising enabled the whole school to travel to, and enjoy, the 'Cinderella' pantomime at The Hexagon theatre in Reading. We really were...

*'living life in all its fullness'*

with smiles,  
singing,  
laughter and  
just a touch  
of dancing  
too!



## PTFA news...

We are all so incredibly grateful to our wonderful PTFA! Their time and efforts providing us with not only practical opportunities, such as organised second hand uniform sales, but also treats here and there like our tasty Nativity and Carols refreshments.

The fundraising this group of dedicated family and friends of the school are able to do then enables our children to truly,  
*'Live life in all its fullness'!*



**Welcome to the Hickson Hedgerows**  
**Twelve Days of Christmas**  
**Info Trail for all the Family**

The Twelve Days of Christmas are located within the Platinum Jubilee Orchard and Hickson Hedgerows Rewilding Area. On the reverse of each number there is some info about nature, history and this rewilding project.

Hope you have fun,  
Happy Christmas from all the Hickson Hedgerow Volunteers

**THE READING MATHS Winter Mini Challenge**

**Marvellous Makers**

**Join the Winter Mini Challenge!**

**Get rewards for your reading!**

**wintermini.org.uk**

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND | **Learn | Inspire | Create**

**Let's Play**

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR FUN DAYS**

**Fun | Inclusive | Educational**

BURNING, MULTI-SPORTS, PERFORMING ARTS, ARTS & CRAFTS, NEAR WARD, LASER TAG, BOUNCY CASTLE, SOFT PLAY, GAMING, LEDO BUILDING & MORE!

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> & Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

**Northcroft Leisure Centre**  
Northcroft Lane, Newbury RG14 1BS  
9.00am - 4.00pm  
Early drop-off from 8am, late pick-up until 5pm

**OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 5 (SCHOOL YEAR 0) - 12**  
**FROM £27.50 PER DAY!**

Discounts for siblings & full week booking - please see booking page for details.  
We accept Children's Vouchers, Tax-Free Childcare & we are OFSTED registered!

Please bring: Lunch, Snacks, Waterproof Clothing & a Reusable Drink Bottle

Scan the QR code for more information:  
call 01464 509009 or email [enquiries@lets-play.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@lets-play.org.uk)  
Book online: [www.lets-play.org.uk](http://www.lets-play.org.uk)

**CHRISTMAS JUNIOR CLUB**  
**FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGE 8 TO 11 YRS OLD**  
**8.30AM-12.30PM**  
**MONDAY 23 DEC & TUESDAY 24 DEC**

**SESSIONS INCLUDE:**  
MULTI-SPORTS, ARTS & CRAFTS, TEAM BUILDING AND GAMES

**COST: £12**  
OPTIONAL BREAKFAST MUST BE ORDERED IN ADVANCE

**JUNIOR CLUB ACTIVITIES:**  
CHRISTMAS DINNERS  
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS  
CHRISTMAS PARTY

TO BOOK FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS, PLEASE CONTACT  
NATALYA.FURNACE@BERKSHIRESCHOOLWELFARE.CO.UK  
AND QUOTE 'CHRISTMAS FSM'

**THE BERKSHIRE YOUTH NETWORK**  
Online booking calendar available via QR Code or <https://navigat.ecds.com/095>

Waterside Centre, Newbury RG14 1DS  
www.watersidecentre.co.uk 01464 518300  
www.berkshireschoolwelfare.co.uk  
Berkshire Youth Registered Charity 1150491

## Diary Dates (New dates added in red)

<b>December</b>	No clubs in the last week of term
Wed, 18th	Christmas Jumper Day  Christmas Church service, St Mary's Church 9.30am, all welcome.  Whole School Christmas Dinner
Thurs, 19th	Last Day of Term
	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>
<b>January</b>	No clubs in the first week of term
Mon, 6th	Welcome all children back to school



## Picture News worship this week...



Wicked, the hugely successful Broadway musical, has recently premiered worldwide as a film. Wicked shares a different perspective of the events in the magical land featured in 'The Wizard of Oz', prior to Dorothy's arrival. It is the story of Elphaba (a misunderstood witch), who later becomes the Wicked Witch of the West, and her friendship with Glinda, who becomes the Good Witch. Karis Musongole, aged 10 from Manchester, plays the young version of Elphaba.

### Think together and talk

- How does looking up at the stars in the night sky make you feel?
- How do you 'shine like a star'? What joy do you bring to others? What gifts can you share?
- Who guides you, lights up your path and helps you on your journey through life?

Over 2000 years ago, some wise men saw a very special star in the sky. They were excited as they knew this star would lead them to a new king. They arrived in Bethlehem, where they found baby Jesus, in a manger. The star guided them to the greatest 'star' of all. Jesus guides us throughout our lives and can help us all to 'shine'.

## The Big Question...

***'Should everyone have the opportunity to be a star?'***