



# The Owl - December 2022



Although we are approaching the end of the calendar year, we are only one third into the school year. What a third it's been though! Building work, staff changes, Ofsted and all the while the children have continued to show great **aspiration** in their work. They also show great commitment to the school and each other. They continuously make us proud in all that they do. Sometimes we are lucky enough to capture what makes our school special in photographs. From team work on a snow day with an encouraging arm to say, "You are part of this team," to the sheer joy in taking part!

Members of our audience at our performances of Shepherd Little commented on how much the children were enjoying themselves. I have to say I did too! The character of Shiny in our play described herself as the twinkliest star ever. I think that this accolade can go to every one of the children, who are simply amazing!

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful time.

Best wishes, Mrs Wittich



## DIARY DATES

### January 2023

**5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> INSET day school closed to pupils**

**9<sup>th</sup> Term begins for pupils**

10<sup>th</sup> PE club starts

11<sup>th</sup> Dance club starts

13<sup>th</sup> Forest School resumes

13<sup>th</sup> Running club starts

**18<sup>th</sup> Swimming for Bysouth class starts**

**26<sup>th</sup> Pantomime – Sleeping Beauty**



30<sup>th</sup> January – Sleeping Beauty theme week

### February 2023

6<sup>th</sup> Feeling Good week – Be kind and connect

7<sup>th</sup> FoRS meeting (all welcome)

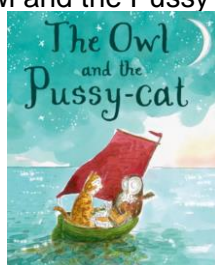
**8<sup>th</sup> Parent consultations**

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**13<sup>th</sup> Half term**

**24<sup>th</sup> Layton class assembly**

27<sup>th</sup> 'Take One Book' week – a celebration of World Book Day (whole school) – The Owl and the Pussy Cat.



### March 2023

Take One Book continues

**2<sup>nd</sup> Book character dress up day**

**10<sup>th</sup> Bysouth class assembly**

9<sup>th</sup> Coding Day for KS1 and 2

13<sup>th</sup> West End in Schools workshops The Owl and the Pussy Cat (All classes)

17<sup>th</sup> Mothers' Day morning

**17<sup>th</sup> Red Nose Day**

**24<sup>th</sup> Jackson class assembly**

**31<sup>st</sup> End of term at 2pm**



## FoRS News

FoRS have had another successful term supporting our school. As volunteers, they give up a huge amount of time to ensure fundraising happens.

The whole community enjoyed the Winter Fayre which was such a success. It was lovely to see so many of our families, staff, governors and members of the village there.

Of course, we must also list the other successes: our traditional present wrap, movie night and the disco last Friday. I know many of the children were wanting me to show my moves on the dance floor but sadly I was already busy, I think a visit from Father Christmas topped this anyway!

Huge thanks to the whole committee: Jade, Dana, Rianne, Charlene, Kay, Penny, Sammie, Mrs Murphy and Mrs Rozier.

There are others who help too; including partners and husbands who are roped in! You know who you are and we thank you!

With a growing committee, we look forward to even more FoRS fun in 2023!



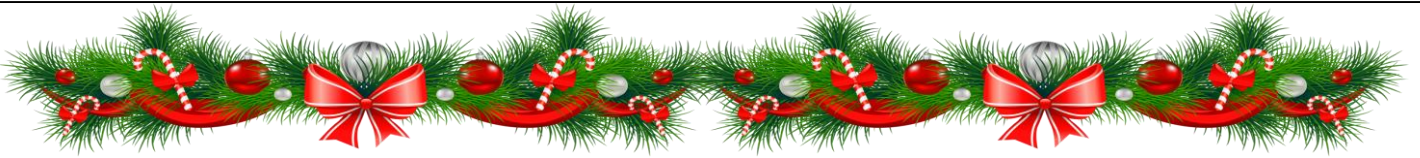
# Christmas Fun!

## Decorating Day



## Shepherd Little





## Christmas lunch and a special visitor!



### School admissions

Parents wishing to take up a Reception place for their child here must apply by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023 regardless of whether they are already accessing our Nursery. Please make sure you complete the online application in good time. **Do direct friends who are interested to our website to find out more about us** [www.reed.herts.sch.uk](http://www.reed.herts.sch.uk) Similarly, parents of children in Year 4 need to apply for a place at their chosen Middle School by the same date. Apply online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

### School closures

As usual any school closure due to adverse weather conditions will be communicated via Parent Mail.

Please do read all official communications from school to ensure you have the correct information.

Let's hope we've had our share of snow for a while!



### **And finally...**

Last but certainly not least, we are as you know, saying fond farewell and good luck to Miss Riches as she moves on to her exciting adventure. She will be very much missed, but we will be tracking her travels and using her as a Geography resource! It is definitely au revoir, not goodbye.

Have a wonderful Christmas.

