



The Owl - December 2023



It's the most wonderful time of the year!

To quote our recent production of Fireside Nativity: *Funny the traditions we keep year on year.*

Some Christmas traditions are unusual! I was telling the children this week, about one childhood memory of hunting for sixpences hidden by my grandparents in the Christmas pudding, not a particularly safe tradition (the health and safety team would not pass the risk assessment now – broken teeth and choking hazards galore!) but fun none the less!

Being part of a school truly is a magical time for everyone and it is so lovely to take part in traditions with the children. From Decorating Day to singing for our pudding at our Christmas lunch, they help us to keep old traditions going and make memories just for Reed First School. We hope that you have enjoyed seeing and taking part in some of these traditions with us.

Many of you have said how being part of our festivities has got you in the celebratory spirit!

Well done to all of the children who took part in our winter production. It is always so lovely to see the pride the children take in sharing their hard work with you. Seeing their faces when they spot their family in the audience is always a delight.

The summer production will no doubt, be here before we know it. We have many exciting events planned before then however for 2024!





Fireside Nativity



Another fabulous performance children – very well done!

Remember you can watch yourselves on Google Classroom.



DIARY DATES

January 2024

4th and 5th INSET days - school closed to pupils

8th Term begins for pupils

8th Pantomime at school – Jack and the Beanstalk

16th FoRS on Google Meet 8.00pm

31st –Drama for All workshops for all classes

February 2024

6th Safer Internet Day

9th Steve Clifford author visit for all classes

13th Pancake Races

15th Reception pupil health checks

19th Half term

March 2024

1st Bysouth Class assembly

7th World Book Day

8th Mothers' Day morning

12th Y2s Tag rugby tournament

13th West End in Schools dance workshops

14th and 15th Bikeability

15th Jackson Class Assembly

22nd Layton Class Assembly

28th Easter Hat competition

28th End of term at 2pm

Please remember all dates are available on our website: <https://reed.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/diary-dates/>



FoRS



The fabulous FoRS team have been busy as usual planning events to raise funds for the school, give the children wonderful experiences and bring the school community together. Their work also adds to our traditions, for example: the present wrap which has stood the test of time and is an event which many Friends of Reed School committees have kept on as an annual event over the years.

The children love all of the events and also often benefit from FoRS without even realising it. The pantomime in January for example, simply wouldn't happen without a FoRS donation.

New events are also thought up regularly including the end of term social which took place on the last day of term. There was such a warm and inclusive atmosphere where long standing a new families had the chance to take the time to enjoy some refreshments and share some Christmas cheer!



Huge thanks to Jade, Sophie, Anna, Kay and Katie for giving up their time to create such a lovely event and to the rest of the FoRS team for their hard work over the term.

Now bring us some figgy pudding!



There was no figgy pudding on the menu at Christmas lunch today but the children still sang for their pudding!

There were lots of happy faces as the children devoured their lunch. There was even dancing between the tables!

The children sang so well; they got their pudding **and** a visit from Father Christmas!



It's official, you can never have enough hats at Christmas!



School admissions

Parents wishing to take up a Reception place for their child here must apply by 15th January 2024 **regardless of whether they are already attending our Nursery**. Please make sure you complete the online application in good time. 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

School Closures

As we move into January on our return, any closures due to adverse weather conditions will be communicated via Parent Mail and on the school website.

Please do use the official communications directly from school in order to keep correctly informed.



And finally...

Many thanks for all of your kind words of appreciation and such generous gifts at the end of term. I hope that you all have a wonderful time over this festive period with friends and family. While Christmas is always such a busy time, I hope the children all get a very well deserved rest, after as usual, putting every effort into all that they do.

Very best wishes and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2024!

