



Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 8th December 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well.

Today has been filled with much excitement as we waved off some of our children to participate at Winchester Cathedrals' Christmas event. We will be opening the event with a reading, one child will be responsible for presenting the banner and another child will be singing.

On Wednesday we had a special bauble Workshop, where each child had the opportunity to paint a beautiful bauble to take home next week, which I am sure will be treasured for many years to come.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas productions next week. The children have been busy rehearsing over the last couple of weeks. I always think that a school production definitely marks the Christmas season and I always have the feel good factor afterwards.



This week Squirrel class have been well and truly into the swing of Christmas. We have been enjoying our advent story books, each day unwrapping a new Christmas story to enjoy together. We have also done lots of singing this week and practising for our Christmas performance. We have been getting really creative and thoroughly enjoyed our bauble decorating workshop as well as making lots of other Christmas crafts which we cannot wait to show you!



Rabbit class this week have enjoyed some Christmas themed activities and have been busy making special Christmas crafts. The children enjoyed taking part in the Christmas bauble making workshop and their session with Move Momentum especially listening and moving to the music. We have also been practising really hard for our Christmas performance.



In Badger class this week we have been off curriculum to start our Christmas celebrations. We enjoyed our Christmas bauble workshop making our own special bauble to go home. We have continued our Australia Christmas theme and made fairy bread. Our favourite part of the week was visiting Santa and loved our feast in Burger King! We have of course also been busy practising our songs for the Christmas performances next week.



Hedgehog class are also off curriculum now and are busy making lovely Christmas crafts as well as practising songs and parts for the Christmas production. We particularly enjoyed the Christmas bauble workshop and our fabulous ornaments will be coming home soon. The children have made chocolate covered snowmen biscuits and today enjoyed our Relax kids and Move Momentum sessions. Some of our children represented Saxon Wood at a celebration in Winchester Cathedral.



This week in Dormouse class we have been really enjoying exploring a range of social skills - working with peers and grownups to explore small world play, ball games, coactive playing with resources and practising noticing our friends when they were on the floor with us. Some children find it very funny when others are noisy and other children have begun vocalising in response to friend's vocal sounds! We also enjoyed a local area walk with our standard stop off at Costa Coffee and the Barnardo's charity shop. We saw some lovely Christmas lights on the way round and discussed all the sights, sounds and sensations we were experiencing. Children tasted whipped cream or/and chocolate brownies and practised their choice making skills to select a Christmassy souvenir from the shop. Children were adamant in their preferences from textured baubles to a very festive textured flamingo! Some Peppa Pig small world play somehow also made its way back to Dormouse which has been enjoyed with enthusiasm by a number of pupils and proved excellent for fine motor practise! We have also been working on an extra special Christmas project in Dormouse Class and it has been so special to see the children create their own work with their own styles and preferences coming through!

Dormouse Class grownups would like to thank all the parents who have sent in costumes for the Christmas play or let us know they have sourced them. We really appreciate the effort people have gone to in order to find something which fits the suggestions. We can't wait to show you what we have been practising during next week's play!!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week.

Take care

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Joy to the World

This year's Christmas performances will be held on:

Monday 11th December 2023 at 2.00pm – **Performance is full**

Tuesday 12th December 2023 at 10.00am

Letters confirming seat allocation have been sent home

Only Tuesday's performance has limited seats available



- **Christmas Performance – Monday 11th at 2pm**
- **Christmas Performance – Tuesday 12th at 10am**
- Christmas Dinner & Children's Christmas Shop in school – Wednesday 13th
- Party Day – Thursday 14th
- Last Day of Term – Friday 15th (1.30pm finish)
- Inset Day – Tuesday 2nd January
(Children return to school on Wednesday 3rd January)