



West Kidlington  
Primary & Nursery School



# West Kidlington Weekly | Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## A Note from the Headteacher

One week of term left. I am really hoping that we can get to the end of term without having to isolate any bubbles. This would be an incredible achievement. All of our school community have played their part in keeping the school as safe as possible. Please continue to follow all the guidance.

You may have seen that the Government issued information about schools moving an INSET which would allow children to break up next Thursday. We will not be using this option. The school will break up on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. On this day, we will finish at normal school hours.

Our Friends group have been so supportive this term and despite all of the restrictions – are still busy raising money. They have put together a superb Christmas offer next week. The children will be making and sending home Christmas Crafts and the whole school will be watching a live Christmas Pantomime. Children from Reception – Year 6 will be watching The Wizard of Oz online in their classrooms! The children will relish these two opportunities and thoroughly deserve to be treated this way.

We have kindly asked children not to share gifts or cards to reduce possible contamination. This would be difficult to organise quarantining. We understand that some parents questioned why we had not stopped staff members receiving cards or gifts. Not one member of the school expects any form of gift.

Please can I signpost all of the families in school to our updated section on the school web site. Our Mental Health and Wellbeing page is being developed carefully. Please start to look at this!

<https://www.west-kidlington.oxon.sch.uk/mental-health-wellbeing>

## ATTENDANCE

| Whole School Attendance: 96.88% |   |   |
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| WKS target is 97%               |   |   |
|                                 | KS1 + Year 3  | KS2   |
| Best Attendance:                | <b>TURTLES</b><br>Year 2<br>Miss Hood<br>98.14%   | <b>PANDAS</b><br>Year 4<br>Mrs Lees and Mrs Cole<br>98.67%                |
| Most Improved Attendance:       | <b>Orangutans</b><br>Reception<br>Mrs Longhurst and Mrs Rhymer<br>95.96% up by 0.29% from last week | <b>LIONS</b><br>Year 6<br>Miss Ellis<br>87.18% up by 0.27% from last week |



So far, we have raised £229.89 for Save the Children with our Christmas Jumper Day. Thank you very much to all who donated.

## NURSERY

**REMINDER** - could we remind Nursery parents that you need to apply for a school place by **15th January 2021**, even if your child is continuing at West Kidlington Primary & Nursery School.

## YEAR 5

Year 5 have been making newspaper aliens inspired by their Space topic. Here are some pictures of our colourful, new classmates!



## WEST KIDLINGTON FRIENDS

Thanks to everyone who bought Christmas cards and Christmas gifts, we raised an amazing **£580!!**

Thank you too for all the generous donations of school uniform. For the moment, we don't need any further donations but please remember to contact the office or [westkidlingtonfriends@hotmail.com](mailto:westkidlingtonfriends@hotmail.com) if you require anything.

The next West Kidlington Friends meeting is on **Wednesday 13th January**. This will also be our Annual General Meeting (AGM). Save the date - more details to follow.

## STAYING SAFE ONLINE

SWGFL have created useful Social Media Checklists which provide guides to setting profiles to private and updating parental controls on many different social media apps:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/checklists/>

## ONLINE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE - SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER 4PM ON FACEBOOK

Unfortunately, we can't hold our usual Christingle services this year on Christmas Eve at St Mary's, so we are going virtual instead! Please join us on Facebook for the service, which will include the opportunity to make your own Christingle.



If you would like to, please collect a Christingle making kit for your child/children/self, from St John's Church or Exeter Hall between 3pm and 4pm on Thursday 17th or Friday 18th December or at any time from St Mary's Church porch on these days. Alternatively, just gather together an orange, some red tape/ribbon/paper, a small candle, 4 cocktail sticks, a selection of small sweets/dried fruit, a knife/apple corer and something to light the candle with.

Join us on Facebook by finding our page, [KidlingtonAnglicanChurches](https://www.facebook.com/KidlingtonAnglicanChurches) or find the link and order of service via our website at [www.kidhp.org.uk/worship-online](http://www.kidhp.org.uk/worship-online).

Please get in touch if you would like more information.

If you have any questions or queries concerning the school or your child/children, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or contact the school

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