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Well done to all the children who passed their **cycle training** on Tuesday and a big thank you to all our cycle trainers. This is a voluntary role and they give up their time regularly to help children develop their skills, increase their confidence as cyclists and identify risks they may come across on the roads. The next group start their training the first week back in January.

On Wednesday this week a child from each class (selected by their teacher) attended a **Headteacher's tea party** as a treat due to their hard work. It was held by Mrs Clarkson and Mrs Li-Koo (as unfortunately I am currently unwell). The tea party happens at the end of each term. The particular group of children are amongst those who always put great effort into demonstrating the Ladygrove Standard, give support to their class mates on a daily basis and continuously challenge themselves. It was a pleasure to spend time in their company.

Yesterday, **Year 2** took to the stage to perform their Christmas Play 'Christmas with the Aliens!' The children produced an out of this world performance to retell the story of five aliens who find themselves stranded on Earth and use this as an opportunity to learn an amazing story they want the whole universe to hear about. Thank you to all the parents who supported the children in learning their lines and making costumes- the children all looked and sounded amazing! *Year 2 Team*



This week, **Year 6** have embarked upon the annual, 'Young Enterprise' week. During the course of the week, children learnt what a business is and had the chance to come up with their own business name and logo. The children worked hard in teams to design a product, undertake market research and manufacture their product to high quality control standards. The highlight of the week was their 'Money Matters Christmas Fair' today, where children had the opportunity to sell the products that they had made to other pupils and to their parents. Year 6 would like to say a huge thank you to the parents who came along to help during the course of the week. The money raised will be split between charity donation and the Year 6 end-of-term party fund.

**Christmas Jumper Day** is an annual charity event, with 100% of proceeds going to the charity **Save the Children**. We have joined thousands of people up and down the country today in supporting this worthy charity by wearing festive jumpers to school. This has been a cheerful and festive way to raise funds and awareness for Save the Children in time for Christmas. We raised over £250 so thank you to everyone who donated.



**Foundation Stage and Year 1** were very proud to sing their songs to parents today and they were amazing! It was lovely to learn a few different songs this year. They have spent lots of time learning the songs and we hope that those of you able to watch it enjoyed it just as much as we did. *Merry Christmas from all the FS and Year 1 team!*

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for the **Christmas raffle**, the draw has taken place and winners will be notified shortly. We had some amazing prizes and we raised £335 profit for PALS. Thank you also to Alison Burbage for all her hard work coordinating this for PALS.

## COMING UP...

We have partnered with the Park Club (Milton) to take part in the **Park Club Elf Run** on Monday (16<sup>th</sup> December) in the morning. We would love some **parents to volunteer** to either run with classes or be marshals, as we are going off site (around the block). If you are able to help out with this please email the school office at [office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk)

### Route:

FS/KS1 – The Daily Mile route around the field – 4 or 5 laps (can be less)

KS2 – A route "around the block" going outside of school grounds – 3 or 4 laps (can be less)

**Dress:** Children can wear elf hats, Christmas bobble hats, Christmas jumpers or anything festive (however it is noted that Year 4 will already be dressed as Egyptians). We are suggesting £1 donation per child for the Armed Forces charity. Children will receive a certificate and novelty prizes for taking part. Children **will need to wear trainers to run** and as much of their PE kit that is required to go with their Christmas outfit (ie: tracksuit bottoms rather than school skirt).

All participants will receive a certificate and a novelty gift for taking part.



## Dates next week:



It's **Christmas Lunches** next week. If you didn't pre-order a Christmas lunch, then **you must bring in a packed lunch**. You will still enjoy the party atmosphere in the hall with your year group (festive hats are optional) and please remember when it is not your allocated day you bring in a packed lunch on the other two days (see below). Father Christmas cannot visit this year (as he is such a busy man) and is sending his mischievous elves along instead!

Date	Activity	Time	Place	Notes
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Yr 4 Egyptian Day	All Day	Hall	Come to school dressed as an Egyptian See above All other year groups are to bring packed lunches
	Elf Fun Run	Morning		
	FS & Yr 6 Christmas Lunch	Lunchtime	Year 4 Year 1	Parents invited
	Yr 4 Open Classrooms	2.30pm		
	Yr 1 Mystery Reader	2.40pm		
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Yr 4 visit Didcot Library	Morning	Didcot Library Hall	Remember your library books All other year groups are to bring packed lunches
	Yr 1 & Yr 5 Christmas Lunches	Lunchtime		
	Class 1 Sing Song	2.30pm	Class 1	Parents invited – <b>Last day for Class 1 children</b>
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Yrs 2, 3 & 4 Christmas Lunches	Lunchtime	Hall	All other year groups are to bring packed lunches
	Class 1 closed	Afternoon		
	Yr 1 Open Classrooms	2.30pm	Year 1 F. Stage	Back to nursery on 6 <sup>th</sup> January Parents/Grandparents invited
	FS PJs, hot chocolate and stories	5.30pm-6.30pm		
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Party Morning School Finishes ASC finishes	Lunches as normal 1.15pm 4pm		Come to school in party clothes – donations NOT required End of Term – last day!

**Clubs:** Below is a list of clubs running in the spring terms. Clubs will start the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January. If your child cannot attend club please inform the relevant adult and REMEMBER to **wait outside the front door to school** to collect your child at finish time for the club leader to hand over your child.

	Club	Timings	Year Group (max nos)	Staff / Volunteers	Location	Start / Finish Dates
TUESDAY	High Five Club	3.15pm-4pm	Existing Members	Heather & Katy Manthorpe	Courts	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan / 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb
WEDNESDAY	Spanish Club	3.15pm-4pm	Only new members need to apply.	Alex Meyer	Year 3	15 <sup>th</sup> Jan / 25 <sup>th</sup> March
THURSDAY	Helicopter Stories	3.10pm-4.10pm	Yrs 1 & 2 (max 10)	Jo Hicks & Lucy Storer	Class 5	16 <sup>th</sup> Jan / 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb
	Stemillions Club	Lunchtime	Existing Members	Elaine Li-Koo	Library	16 <sup>th</sup> Jan / 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb
	Choir Club	3.10pm-4pm	Existing Members	Gemma Fowkes	Class 13	16 <sup>th</sup> Jan / 26 <sup>th</sup> March

To apply for a place in a club for your child, **please either email the school office or send in a note giving permission** no later than Next Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Existing members do not need to re-apply.

CLUBS MAY BE CANCELLED AT THE LAST MINUTE (WEATHER, ILLNESS)

PLEASE ALWAYS CHECK OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE TO SEE IF A CLUB HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

## NOTICES ...

We have had some reports of **dangerous driving** from an unknown male on the roads around school. The police have been informed but please be extra vigilant when walking to and from school and, if your child walks alone, ensure they are aware of defensive road safety techniques.

Reminder..... If you child is **absent** from school please remember it is school policy to either email ([office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk)) or phone the school office before 9am. Please **do not** email teachers or year group emails direct as they do not always have time to look at their emails when preparing resources for lessons before school. Thank you.



**Reminder:** Last session for **Class 1 is next Tuesday (17<sup>th</sup> December)**. At 2.15pm on this day, parents and grandparents are invited to join Class 1 children for a Christmas sing song. Tickets are not required.

Girls Football Club will not be running next term due to league fixtures but current members will be invited to attend league matches.

On **15<sup>th</sup> January** M&M Theatrical Productions are in school in the afternoon to perform *Cinderella* to Year 1-6 children. Each year, without fail, this touring theatrical company visit our school to briefly bring back the atmosphere of Christmas. They are experts in family entertainment of classic stories. We ask for a voluntary donation of £2.68 per child to cover the cost of this. Please pay for this via ParentPay.



**ParentPay:** Please can parents ensure they have settled any outstanding monies on ParentPay.

**Reminder: Admissions to school (Academic Year 20/19):** If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 you must apply for a school place for your child for entry in the academic year September 2020. You will be able to apply on-line from 1st November 2019. Please visit [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) for further information. NB The deadline line date for online applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

**Please remember the following:-**

- It is the responsibility of parents/carers to apply for a school place by the deadline of 15 January 2020
- If your child is attending nursery classes within a primary school, you must still apply for a place in the main school
- You can list three different schools in order of preference. We strongly advise you to use all three preferences
- We advise you to enter your catchment (or designated) school as one of your preferences
- Attending your catchment school does not entitle you to free home to school transport if it is not your closest school and / under 2 miles away
- If your application is late, you are far less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools.

Click on this link for easy access to OCC website <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place>

***Last day for Class 1 children is Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
Parents are invited to their Christmas 'Sing Song' at 2.15pm – tickets NOT required***

***The rest of the school finishes on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1.15pm  
(Lunches as normal)***

***Andrew Markham and the school team***



**Park Club**  
Health

# Park Club Elf Run

Join the Chief Elf and complete  
our charity run/walk, raising  
money for the Armed Forces  
charity.

**Location:** Ladygrove Park School  
**Date:** Monday 16th Dec  
**Time:** 09:00-11:00

- ★ See newsletter for year group details
- ★ Suggested donation of a £1 for the Armed Forces charity

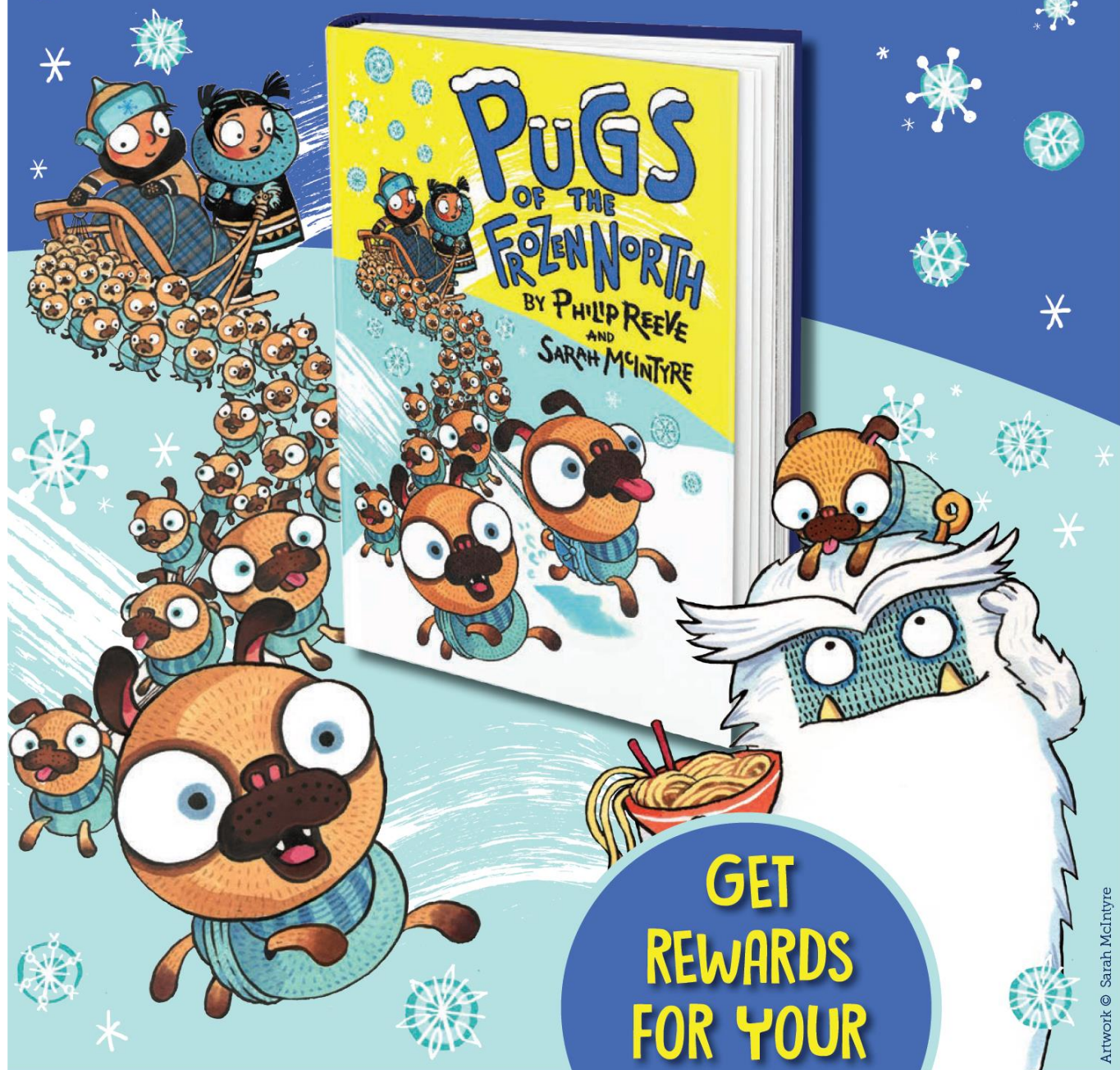
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Enchanted Theatre presents:

# Meet the Didcot Princesses plus Santa!

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December from 1:30pm**

**The Didcot princesses are teaming up  
with Santa to celebrate Christmas with  
your little ones at Didcot Library!**



- ✧ A chance to meet your favourite princess characters
- ✧ Listen and learn with Belle and sing with Elsa - along with Santa of course!
- ✧ Feel free to wear your favourite costume on the day!



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