



ST KATHARINE'S C of E  
SCHOOL

*Friendship, Effort, Respect, & Honesty*

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

NEWSLETTER No: 7

*Our Value This Term Is...*

*Hope*



*Dear Parents,*

Again, I am slightly baffled by the speed at which our lives seem to fly by. This term (like all the others) has flown by and here we are on the penultimate day of Term 2.

You will know that we had an Ofsted inspection last week. We took the call at 2:00pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and the team of two inspectors was with us at 8:00am the following day. It was certainly a very thorough process under what is a relatively new Ofsted Framework. Ofsted have also only resumed inspecting schools since September 2021 after what was a considerable amount of time where inspections were suspended due to the pandemic. Many of you have kindly asked how it went. We are not being opaque with our answers, but we are not able to share the outcome until the report has been written, checked, verified and published. As soon as the final report is out, we will share it with you. Thank you to all of you who took the time to complete the online questionnaire. The results of which you are able to see if you search for Ofsted parent view and enter the name of the school or click the link on the website.

Whilst our end of term has not quite been as we hoped for, when planning at the beginning of the academic year, we are delighted that we have been able to go ahead with our Key Stage 1 Nativity performances and the Key Stage 2 Carol Service. It has been a little strange to have audiences in masks and socially distanced from each other. However, once the candles are lit and the children begin to sing, I have been amazed by how that

strangeness falls away and we are able to simply appreciate being able to come together and enjoy the moment.

I wish you all a restful Christmas and sincerely hope that you all stay well and healthy and that you are able to spend time with your loved ones.

*Niki Jones*

Principal

*'From little acorns, great oaks grow'*



### **A Young Fundraiser Story**

Ride and Stride is an annual national sponsored bicycle ride, raising money for churches, and in September Kitty Jellicoe took to her saddle and rode for St Michael's Church, Tidcombe, with Mum as her support team!

She raised a whopping £875 and cycled 10 miles from Tidcombe to St Katharine's taking in the Bedwyns and Chisbury Chapel en route. She did so well only tiring at the last hill up from Bedwyn Common where she was met by her Auntie Daisy and the promise of cake for tea!

St Michael's team have been congratulated by the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust for their contribution to Ride and Stride this year and, in particular, Kitty's effort has been recognised in the award of the Junior Cup! There will be a presentation in the New Year.

We would all like to congratulate Kitty for a huge effort and for putting her energy into making a difference to the world in which she lives.

### **Thank you to Burbage Christmas Tree Sale**

This year our beautiful tree was generously donated to us by the Burbage Christmas Tree Sale. Thank you to Kate Betts and Laura Denny for putting the tree up in the school hall and for decorating it so brilliantly. It has been enjoyed by all of us and added a bit of sparkle to the end of this term.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

<i>January</i>	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	TD day 4 No children in school today
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Term 3

Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for primary school applications
<i>February</i>	
<p>We are working on the Key Dates Planner that will be published at the end of the first week back (2 of 3).</p> <p>This update will contain any new dates between January and the end of the academic year that we currently know about.</p> <p>We will continue to update you via this Newsletter calendar every fortnight.</p> <p>New dates will appear in bold and may not be known about at the time of publishing Key Dates Planner 2.</p>	

**Items in bold have been added since the previous Newsletter.**

Please also refer to your Key Dates Planner for all known dates so far, this academic year.

**Remaining TD Days 2021/22**

- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

**Please Note**

We will close at 1:15pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Other things you might want to know...

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