

PUDDLETOWN VC CE FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



December
2023



December News

Wow what a month December has been! We have packed in so much this month, starting with open afternoons where children shared their work and some activities with you. It was so lovely to see so many families attend and how proud the children were to show off their learning. We had a pantomime visit of 'Beauty and the Beast' inspiring our singers and actors. A trip to Nothe fort for year 4 to experience the home front in WW2. The children got to use a dolly tub to do their washing and spent time in an Anderson shelter. Carols around the village was fantastic as we followed a very well dressed Father Christmas on his tractor with enthusiastic singing led by Miss Crankshaw. Thank you Fops for organising such a great event. Christmas jumper day and a very competitive staff bake off raised money for 'Save the children' and amongst all of this, rehearsals for the school production of 'Lights, camel, action' were happening all around the school. The children were so amazing, standing up on stage, dancing and singing their hearts out – hardly a dry eye in the house at such a super show. As I write this, we are all digesting our Christmas lunch and class parties are starting for an afternoon of fun, games and party snacks and we still have our beautiful church service to go on Thursday. This rounds off our term by remembering the beginnings of the Christmas story. In amongst all of this festive fun we were also paid a visit by Ofsted. Thank you so much to all the families who took the time to respond to the parent view it gave us all a real boost to receive such positive feedback for the work we do here. It was an ungraded inspection so our judgement of good won't change. Ofsted do have the opportunity to 'convert' the process to a full graded inspection if they have any significant concerns, but I am pleased to inform you that it was not necessary in our case. Instead, Ofsted will provide us with a report which provides some useful pointers for improvement prior to the next full inspection. We welcome the chance for inspectors to validate our own assessment of the school and the actions we need to take to ensure we remain a great school. We will share the report with you when we receive it in the New year.

What a first term! Thank you all for being so welcoming to me and I really feel as if I have landed in a very special school.

May we all wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Anna Seal

Head of school

REMINDERS

**School starts on 2nd
January 2024**



Sea Otters from Art club

**House winners this
term are YELLOWS
and they get to wear
non uniform on
Friday.**

