

Newsletter 5 – Friday 1st December 2023

As the weather turns frosty and cold and advent gets underway, everyone here at Ewelme is starting to look ahead to Christmas and the exciting festive events that are coming up between now and the end of term. Please find, in this edition of the newsletter, information about these events, as well as an update from school council.

Christmas events at Ewelme:

Wednesday 6th December – Christmas Fly-over. The RAF will be giving Santa a lift in one of their helicopters to give him a whistle-stop tour of our school from the air!

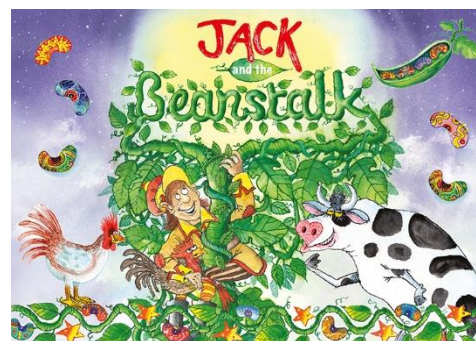
Thursday 7th December – Christmas Jumper Day. All children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school in return for a donation to Save the Children. This donation can be made online via:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/ewelmeschool-1701429515031?newPage=true>



Wednesday 13th December – Christmas lunch day in school: all the children are invited to order from a special Christmas menu and join us in the hall for our annual Christmas dinner. ***Please order using ParentPay by this Tuesday (5th December).***

Thursday 14th December – whole-school trip to the **pantomime at Oxford Playhouse**. This year the panto is Jack and the Beanstalk. A permission slip will go live on ParentPay soon for parents to complete and the cost will be £15 per pupil, which will cover both tickets and coach travel.



Friday 15th December – FOES Christmas Party at Benson Parish Hall, 5-7pm. Please refer to separate communications from FOES for details.

Monday 18th December – Christingle service in church, 4pm. All parents and carers are invited to attend. The children will stay in school until the start of the service and can be collected at the end by parents/carers. The church will be open from 3.30 for parents/carers.

School council update

Our newly elected school councillors have met on two occasions so far this year and have discussed two important issues.

Firstly, they decided how the donation of books from Good to Read should be distributed. They agreed that a few should go to the library and the rest should be shared out between the



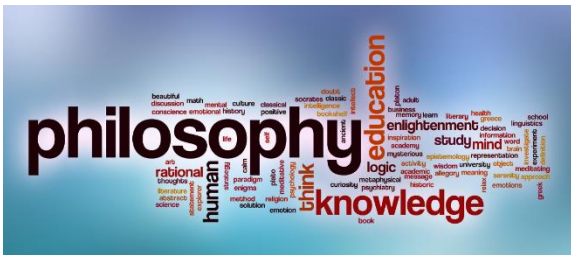
classes. They then looked through the books and decided which should go to which class based on how grown-up they were and the reading level required.



They have also been thinking about an upcoming event, OxTrail, which the school will be participating in during the spring and summer of next year. It is an Oxfordshire-wide art project that will raise money for Sobell House hospice. The school needs to raise as much money as possible and find a local business to match-fund our efforts. The councillors have come up with lots of creative ideas for raising money and we will be in touch again in the new year with more information about OxTrail and how the school will fundraise.

You can find out more about OxTrail 2024 by visiting: <https://oxtrail2024.co.uk/art-trail/>

World Philosophy Day



Burghersh class (Year 3 and 4) joined a live lesson with Jason Buckley, also known as the 'Philosophy Man', on World Philosophy Day (Thursday 16th November). They were invited to contribute their own ideas and suggestions linked to lots of BIG questions and even had one of their responses read out live on the stream! Well done Burghersh, keep asking those BIG questions...

Morning break snacks

Key Stage 1 children are all provided with a piece of fruit or veg for their morning break snack. If your child is in Key Stage 2 and wishes to have a morning break snack, please ensure they have a similarly healthy option, such as an apple, orange or banana or dried fruit such as raisins or 'Bear Yo Yos'.

We have noticed recently that a number of the older children have been eating less healthy morning break snacks such as crisps and biscuits. Thank you for your support with this.

Dates for the diary:

Further dates will be added as events are arranged and/or confirmed. *Click here to see the school's online calendar:* <https://ewelmeprimaryschool.com/calendar/>

Saturday 2nd December - Winter series Cross Country race 3 at MECE, 10am start

Thursday 7th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 7th December – last swimming session for Y5/6

Tuesday 12th December – Final Forest School session for Y2

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas lunch

Thursday 14th December – Pantomime at Oxford Playhouse

Tuesday 19th December – 4pm: Christingle service in church, all parent/carers invited

Wednesday 20th December – Last day of term 2 for all, 12.15pm

Thursday 21st December – Monday 8th January – Christmas holiday

Monday 8th January – INSET day

Tuesday 9th December – Start of term 3 for children, 8.45am

Please visit the school website to view full term dates for 2023/24: <https://ewelmeprimaryschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Ewelme-Primary-School-term-dates-2023-24.pdf>