



GREAT ORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Monday 18th December 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

What a busy and exciting time the children have had this half term!



'Poppy' visited us to tell us the story of an evacuee during WW2 and the children visited St Giles church in the village to pay their respects and display their art work for Remembrance Sunday.



The whole school took part in a water workshop. Children learned the processes involved in the natural and human water cycles and carried out a water experiment, working scientifically, to understand what we should/should not be putting down our toilets and sinks!



Our Toy and Book sale raised £48.80 towards school funds.



Christmas Jumper Day raised £30.95 for the Save the Children charity.



We all enjoyed a very festive Christmas lunch on Wednesday 13th December and some of our Governors joined us.



I think you will all agree that the Christmas Performance was spectacular! Well done everyone.



The children had been busy in class creating their own Christmas crafts. From the planning stage, the sourcing of resources, through to the actual making and creation of the items.

The craft sale and raffle raised £267.00 towards school funds.



A big thank you to you all for your very generous support of our various fundraising activities this half term. Special thanks also go to Alan Furnell, Mulhollands Butchers, The Wellington Pub, Cranstons, Jacksons Models and Oopsie Daisy.



Tuesday 19th Dec 2023 – School closes at 1:00 p.m. for Christmas holidays.

Wednesday 3rd Jan 2024 – School reopens at 8:45 a.m. for start of new term (Breakfast club available from 8:00 a.m.) **Please note that there will be no After School Club on Wednesday 3rd Jan 2024.**



Reading

As part of our drive to enhance reading standards and encourage a joy of reading, we will be reading books together in class. The children will then receive their own copy of the book to take home and keep, and start to build their own library at home.

Reading with your child for 10/15 minutes each evening really does help with their progress.

School meals, breakfast club and after school clubs should all be booked and paid for in advance using the School Hub App.



For enquiries about the new on-site privately ran nursery 'Messyhands' – please contact Collette Evans on 07783924187.

Please remember to park responsibly when dropping or collecting your child/children at/ from school and thank you for not parking in the adjacent pub carpark. Additional parking can be found at the village hall.

Myself and all of the staff would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind Regards

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Headteacher

