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Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

## Dates

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Deene Class at West Lodge Christmas Experience

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – Walk-in-Wednesday – 3:15pm

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – PSA Christmas Wreath making, 7:30pm

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – EYFS/KS1 Film Night, from 3:15pm

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – EYFS/KS1 Nativity – performance to parents, 2pm, Memorial Hall

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – ABM Christmas lunch (see leaflet attached)

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Carols in the Church, 2pm

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Panto trip, return to school tbc but expect it to be around 4pm

## School Value

This half-term, the school is recognising its value of 'care' and we are linking this to kindness too. Another 'care' award this week goes to Amelia who has been noticed for always helping the children in Deene class at lunchtimes. She is kind, considerate and helps them on the playground by checking that they have all eaten their lunch and have others to play with. Jesse has also been noticed being caring this week. He helped others log-on to their laptops during a computing lesson without being asked and has spent many lunchtimes offered to help adults in school with 'jobs'.

Thank you to both Amelia and Jesse, your care and kindness has been noticed!

Congratulations to all of those recognised for their great work this week and to the many new members of the 144 club!



## Healthy Schools Award

We are excited to have started our journey to achieving the Bronze level Healthy Schools Award, led by the North Northamptonshire County Council. As a school, we aim to teach and show our children how to lead a healthy lifestyle, so we are excited to embark on the journey to achieve the accolade of a 'Healthy School'. The first part of the award was to complete a quick survey in class on how we keep active, what we eat and what we already know about keeping fit-and-healthy.

The award covers areas such as mental health and wellbeing, healthy eating, physical activity, PSHE, environment and ethos, advocating keeping healthy to pupils, staff, parents and wider community. Throughout the year we will strive to become ambassadors for these areas.



## PSA



The first PSA film night was a great success! The children enjoyed snuggling in their pyjamas under the Christmas lights and trees watching The Polar Express whilst munching on popcorn. What could be better!?

I know our KS1 children are looking forward to their film-night next week just as much.

A big thank you to the PSA for organising a lovely start to GA Christmas festivities!

Continuing with the festive spirit, I would like to say a huge thank you to you for your kind donations of decorations, trees and lights. The school looks as great as the children have done today in their Christmas jumpers and we are so very grateful for your kindness.

Christmas is in the air...





## Walk-in-Wednesday – 6<sup>th</sup> December

We are looking forward to welcoming you back for our second Walk-in-Wednesday where we will invite you into your child's classroom for a short time at the end of the school day. These 'Wednesdays' each have a different focus and give you the opportunity to learn a little more about the 'focus' area, chat with your child's class teacher/s and enjoy time together in an informal way in the classroom.

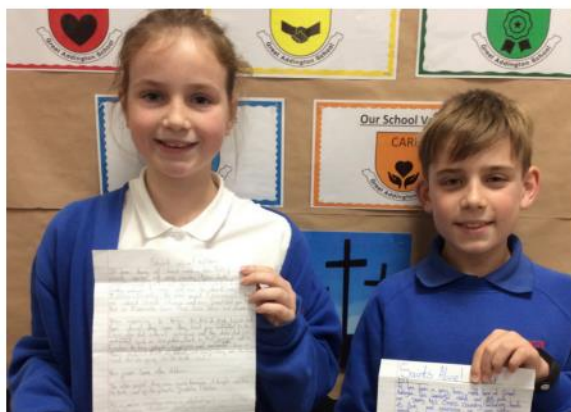
Since the introduction of our new approach to Spelling to our curriculum, the focus for this term will be '**Phonics and Spelling**'. The children will take charge of showing you what they do in these sessions and teach you about their target sounds. We are looking forward to welcoming you on Wednesday!

## Saints Alive

Thank you and well done to Eleanor and Isaac who were the monthly reporters for December's edition of Saints Alive. If you didn't manage to see a copy, here is their informative and brilliantly-written report:

### *Great Addington Primary School - the inside story*

Two pupils at the school share their stories of the last month.



It has been a very busy month here at Great Addington. This wonderful month ran off with our yearly KS2 Cross Country! Including loads of fun and exercise, we were lucky enough to have 1 person in the top 10 and 1 person in the top 7 getting into a county final!!! All races were challenging but the Year 6 run was most hard with a run of 2000 metres. Also in KS2 we had an Eden Project Day of workshops which has brought lots of environmental actions to our school. "We have been doing lots of Sport activities to let children have fun and learn about safety of PE and sports" said Arianna.

Now going into the younger classes, KS1 had an exciting and active day because they went to Irchester County Park all day. It looked like loads of fun and the dens they made were great! Harper said "Irchester was fun. We build amazing dens in the beautiful woods".

Only 3 days later the fun kept coming since Year 1 and 2 had a Diwali Day. Because their learning was so great, they took lots more knowledge out of it and came to school the next day knowing every fact about Diwali you could possibly know. Deene Class also had Diwali afternoon with lots of activities to do.

Lampport as well had a lovely active learning day about the Egyptians at Everdon where they did fun and knowledge-based activities around the site. "We played games on the way, taking turns to do activities, like 'steal the treasure from the Pharroh" Imogen explained.

*Isaac*

It's been busy at Great Addington! First of all, the month started with cross-country. A few lucky children came to Croyland Park and ran. I was lucky enough to come and run the Year 6 race, it was 2000 metres. "Cross-Country was great and I had a good experience" Daisy shared.

Secondly, the Eden Project (from Cornwall) taught us about climate change and rain forest. "The Eden Project Day was good because it taught us how to take care of plants" said Freddie. Did you know that in 11 seconds some trees have been cut down?

On Friday we all went to the church with Rev. Pauline to pay our respects for Remembrance Day. We made poppy wreaths in school and laid them at the church.

Now coming to KS1. Lilford had their Diwali Day with lots of fun activities to do. Deene also had a Diwali doing activities such as hennas. Back to KS2 and Lampport went to Everdon to learn about Egyptians and activities based on their subject. Back at school we are finishing our Christmas Cards that are going to be made real.

*Eleanor*

## The GA Nativity – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Deene and Lilford

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The children have been busy practising their songs and lines in preparation to wow you at their Nativity! We would love to welcome the entire school and village community to watch our performance, however, due to restricted space in the Memorial Hall and insurance-purposes, we need to limit ticket numbers. As those famous lines stated... there is "no room at the inn"!

The performance involves children from both Deene and Lilford so to ensure that all children are watched during their starring moment, we have given each family an envelope containing **2 tickets**. So, we ask that you please choose your top 2 fans of a Nativity per family to attend and arrive with your tickets ready to present at the door.

Due to safeguarding purposes, we also ask the no photos or videos are taken during the performance. However, please be assured that we will do this for you and share them with you following the show.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and we are looking forward to wowing you in a few weeks time!

**Lucy Kingsnorth, Principal**

