

NEWS

DECEMBER 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 19th December

Last day of term for nursery

Friday 20th December

Term ends at 12:15pm

Tuesday 7th January

First day of spring term

Friday 17th December

Friends AGM – all welcome

Can you help?

If you can spare a bit of time, even just the occasional hour, we would love to hear from you. The more volunteers we have, the more we are able to do. You do not have to commit to regular meetings but can volunteer when you are able to. Contact us at friends@olopprimary.co.uk



FRIENDS OF OLOP

Welcome to our final newsletter of 2024. We have had a fantastic term and have thoroughly enjoyed bringing the school community together and funding events and resources to benefit our pupils. We look forward to organising many more fundraising opportunities next term.



Nativity story brought to life

Friends of OLOP were delighted to organise and pay for a visit from Mill Cottage Farm Experience this month.

Every year group had an opportunity to come out onto the lower key stage playground to see the animals, ranging from goats, sheep, birds and donkeys. Farmer Tom and Farmer Hollie did a great job re-telling the Nativity story using the animals and additional props in a fun and authentic way to really bring the Christmas story to life.

Acting Headteacher, Nick Stopps, said: "It's not every day you get a farm on your playground! The children were very excited to meet the animals and learn more about them. We want to thank Friends of OLOP for funding the visit and making these wonderful learning opportunities possible for our pupils."

Fair breaks records

We were so pleased to see so many of you at our Christmas Fair enjoying our magical Santa's grotto, games, food and drinks stalls and the array of external vendors.

Thanks to your support we broke previous records and raised an amazing **£3,655**. We want to extend our thanks to all our fabulous volunteers, including members of staff, who gave up their time to help. Events like this require lots of people to make them happen and we appreciate everyone's time and contributions.



Cashpot for Schools

Thank you to everyone who signed up for Asda's Cashpot for Schools. It has now ended but together we managed to raise £297.

Another easy way to raise money is by you shopping via the aptly named Easyfundraising. If you haven't done so already please click on the hyperlink below to enable you to help us for FREE. More than 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to you.

All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. These donations really mount up, so please sign up [here](#) to support us.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

We are delighted to reveal the total amount raised this term is a very healthy £4,395. Our spending this term includes buying more than £900 of geography resources for the school, including providing one rotating swivel globe for every classroom, plus a set of hardback atlases for every year group to use. We have also contributed to the school's fantastic phonics programme by investing £2,500 to fund books for the lower key stage. We have also donated more than £500 to buy musical instruments to enhance the children's learning. Additionally, we have funded smaller items including three Christmas trees and decorations for everyone at school to enjoy.

JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Friday 17th January at 2pm in the huts in the school car park

Unwanted presents

We know unfortunately, on occasions, we may be gifted presents we already have or are unsuitable in some way. If you find yourself with unwanted gifts this Christmas, we would be delighted to take them off your hands next term.

We are always looking for new toiletries, beauty products, games and toys which we can use as raffle or tombola prizes. Any items can be handed into the school office.



Season's greetings

We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your contributions this term, from the donations we've received, the cakes baked, the help setting up events, manning stalls, clearing up, publicising our events, making props, helping behind the scenes and of course supporting our events and initiatives by spending your money.

parentkind.org.uk

is brimming with articles for parents, to help you support your child's school life and learning, and it's open to everyone!



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