



Corby Old Village Primary School *Newsletter*

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A review of the Autumn Term

The Autumn term has been a busy one at COV's. The school has started reading mornings, coffee mornings and the toddler group are getting busier, and our links with parents and the community are growing. We hope to continue this next year with the start of the Quilt project.

As you may have seen we have thrown lots of things away. We have a new resource area, and the corridors are free from clutter. This has created an area where groups of children can work with a teaching assistant.

The curriculum has developed to incorporate the new frameworks for literacy and numeracy. We have introduced a new approach to marking to allow children a chance to feedback and self assess, and we have held a meeting for parents to understand how we teach reading.

So what is happening next year...

Further improvements to the building include upgraded security, carpeting the corridors and new interactive whiteboards in classrooms and the hall. Layered targets will be introduced into all year groups to improve progress in Literacy and Numeracy giving pupils more ownership of their learning.

Thank you for your support this term, and I look forward to an exciting new year.

Helen Williams

Any unwanted mobile phones?

Elizabeth House in Uganda are collecting old mobile phones to raise money.

If you have a old mobile phone lying around doing nothing, it would very much appreciated if you could bring them into school where a collection box will be available. With or without a charger, these phones can be traded to make money to build a new water hole for the centre.

Elizabeth House is a centre for children with disabilities.

Thank you for all your support,. Mrs. T. Stuart

Snack and Dinner Money

We are very aware that there are many demands on the purse strings these days, and that we ask for contributions to trips, snack, etc.

Class 1 and 2 children are given their snack in class and do not use the snack trolley. They have a variety of snacks from fruit toast to yoghurts to crackers and cheese. We ask for £1.00 per week to cover this cost. At present, the school is not covering these costs as not everyone is paying. As a result we may have to stop offering a snack as the school cannot continue to cover this cost.

Dinner money that comes into school is sent to the caterers. It is important that this money is sent into school separately to any other monies.

We appreciate your support during these difficult times.

Attendance Figures

Year Group	Week Commencing 17th Nov	Week Commencing 24th Nov
Reception	90%	95%
Year 1	92%	94%
Year 2	84%	93%
Year 3	98%	89%
Year 4	98%	98%
Year 5	97%	96%
Year 6	98%	99%

Nearly but not quite year 6!



Gold Brick Winners



21st November

Samantha Barnes

Sinead McCaffery

Isla Russel

Yasmin Smith

Jordan Haggart

27th November

Bobbi Pinkerton

Amy Warrior

Remy Stewart

Jake Page

Nicos Papachristoforou

Well Done to all our Gold Brick Winners

Five ways to beat the Winter Blues

1. Good Mood food—cut down on sugary snacks and opt for fruit and vegetables that can help to enhance mood.
2. Snuggle Up—find a favourite book to enjoy with your child.
3. Water water everywhere—just because its chilly doesn't mean water is less important. Plenty of water helps to stimulate the brain.
4. Outdoor Fun—Running and jumping in puddles or piles of leaves helps to boost energy and blow away a few cobwebs
5. Lets Dance—Follow in Strictly's footsteps and have a good boogie to the X factor.



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Dates for your diary:

- Thurs 11th Dec - Whoops - a - Daisy Angel
- Fri 12th Dec @ 2.00 - Christmas Bazaar
- Mon 15th Dec - KS 2 trip to Cinema
- 6.00 Whoops - a - Daisy Angel
- Tues 16th Dec - Carol Service, St. Johns Church
- Weds 17th Dec - Christmas Lunch
- Thurs 18th @ 6.30 - Snow White at the Arc
- Fri 19th Dec - School Closes
- Mon 5th Jan - Training Day
- Tues 6th Jan - School reopens

• The School Nativity Play

The children were all gathered to perform the Christmas play
They'd been rehearsed they were well versed in what they had to say
The parents were all gathered with smiles and brimming eyes
About to find that Christmas will involve the odd surprise

Joseph and his lady were first to join the fray
To Bethlehem To Bethlehem on their merry way
Mary said I'm pregnant Jo I really need a rest
Joseph said - you're not - that's just a jumper up your vest

The Shepherds they were watching as their flock all grazed by night
And suddenly above them appeared a blazing light
First Shepherd cried "We're chosen - it's the Son of God I bet"
But was convinced by number two it was a Jumbo Jet

Gabriel was sulking coz he didn't like his part
He wanted to be Joseph, knew the words all off by heart
When he appeared to Mary his face was very glum
'til he lifted up his long white robe and showed the world his ***!

The Inn keeper was waiting, he was eager and excited
His parents sat there beaming they were clearly quite delighted
He opened up his door and with a very winning grin
Said rooms - yes we've got dozens take your coat off and come in

The first wise man he told the crowd they'd travelled from afar
The second one assured them that he'd come in his Dad's car
The third he looked confused and with a voice that sounded tense
Shouted - I know about the Gold but what on earth is Frankincense

And so the play drew to a close in a manger all serene
With bated breath the audience took in the closing scene
Joseph looked around the room - a silence fell, it's true
He cried "Our Mary's had a girl - we're going to call her Sue"