

# OVS News

## Christmas Term 2016



### Headmaster's Message

Welcome to the OVS Christmas Term Newsletter. As usual there is much to report from our busy school. Over the summer we increased our outdoor provision with the addition of a wonderful outdoor classroom in the woodland, creating an all weather woodland hideout for the children. In the garden at the rear we built our Garden Room, a wonderful, light outdoor classroom that has proved an invaluable addition to our site. We also installed a new climbing wall and wooden play equipment on the bottom lawn.

The start of term saw the launch of the OVS Expedition Programme. We have introduced this programme from Year 1

upwards and activities will accumulate from a day of Bushcraft skills to a challenging four day expedition in Year 8.

The 100th birthday celebration of Roald Dahl has featured across this term. As a young man he was educated at Repton School providing a great local connection. The children have celebrated both his fiction and his horrible recipes!

I would recommend you to like our Facebook page which will give you a daily insight into the busy and creative lives of the children at our special school. All that is left is to wish you all, from both Jenny and I, a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

*Matthew Adshhead*



### School Events

Wednesday 12th October  
Padley Centre Concert



Friday 18th November  
Cinema Night and  
Children in Need

What a fantastic day this was! Fun activities to raise funds for CIN, a special visit from "Aunty Val" Stone from this year's Great British Bake Off, and a wonderful Cinema Night with friends. We raised £285 for CIN.

Friday 18th November  
Repton Challenge



### Class Trips



EYFS TO DERBY THEATRE



CLASS 3 TO CROMFORD MILLS



CLASS 4 TO LIVING RAINFOREST



6TH FORM TO BBC



CLASS 5 TO LEICESTER

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### School Events (cont'd)

Friday 4th November  
**Fireworks Night** ★

A huge thank you to Mr & Mrs Johnson for a spectacular night!



Sunday 13th November  
**Remembrance Sunday**



Saturday 26th November  
**Christmas Bazaar**

We raised £897 at the Christmas Bazaar this year. Thank you to everyone who supported this wonderful afternoon.

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Raised!

Thursday 8th December  
**Christmas Lunch**



Thursday 8th December  
**Nativity**

### Sports



### Another brilliant term

It has been another very successful term for OVS on the sports field. The children have been involved in a number of different tournaments and fixtures. Some children have also tried out some new sports including rock climbing and orienteering.

We have also continued to host our own tournaments for visiting schools in football and hockey.

At the start of this term, we achieved the clean sweep at the St Wystan's 90th Anniversary Games winning the Girls Rounders, Kwik Cricket and Netball competitions.

Our boys U10 football team were also runners up at the Foremarke Hall tournament.

The girls at U9, U11 and U12 / 13 levels have all achieved some outstanding results in hockey winning the majority of their matches. We recorded impressive wins against other schools including St Wystan's, Foremarke and Twycross. We are the U9 OVS Boys Hockey Tournament Champions. We won the ISA Midlands U11 Mixed Hockey tournament to become regional champions, setting up a National Final match later in the school year.



We were also crowned the ISA Midlands U10 Football Champions for the second time in three years.

To top off a very successful football season our Friday evening U11 5-a-side squad who play in the Derby league with other local primary schools including William Gilbert are unbeaten and firmly top of the league as we head into the Christmas break.

There are lots more fixtures and tournaments planned for next term. We look forward to more success from our talented pupils.

This term has also seen the resurgence of Dads' Football on Tuesday evenings. A healthy number of players turn up each week. *So what are you Mums going to do? Will we see a Mums' Netball or Hockey club starting up soon...?*

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### DIARY DATES

2017

Tuesday 3rd January  
Staff INSET

Wednesday 4th January  
Easter Term commences

Monday 9th January  
Verse Speaking Heats Commence

Monday 13th February  
Half Term begins

Friday 17th February  
Half Term ends

Friday 31st March  
End of Term