



# Naphill and Walters Ash School Newsletter January 2020

## Key Dates

22/1/20 – Yr 5  
Planetarium in school  
12/2/20 – Yr 2 SATs  
meeting for parents 3.45  
12/2/20 - Yr 6 SATs  
meeting for parents 6.00 –  
6.45  
13/2/20 11+ information  
evening Yr 4/5 parents  
14/2/20 – Break up for  
half term

## News Updates

### STEM

This week Year 5 and 6 have been taking part in STEM sessions led by STEM leaders from the RAF. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and these sessions aim to engage all children in these subjects in a fun and practical way. There were some amazing paper aeroplanes being tested in the hall and we are looking forward to the second sessions later this term.

## A message from the Head, Miss K Gwynn

We would like to welcome Mr Ellis to Naphill; he is teaching in year 3 alongside Miss Brown. It is welcome back to Mrs Richardson, who is teaching in Year 4, job-sharing with Mrs Lavender.

Thank you to WANSA for the panto the whole school watched at the end of last term. All the children had a good time and enjoyed the show. WANSA raised just over £2000 at the Christmas Fayre – thank you to everyone who came along and supported in some way.

We have noticed that many children have grown quite a lot and are now wearing uniform that is too short or too tight. Please check your child's shoes and all their uniform are the right size, especially PE kit.

Thank you to everyone who has agreed to help out in case of snow. If any is forecast I will send out reminders as to how we will notify you of any closure.



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### Reading

At one of our Governor meetings last term we discussed children's reading. We are going to set up a section of the school website specifically for reading. I am hoping that as it develops we will have a section for book reviews, recommendations and tips on how to encourage reading. Reading is so important and is the key to practically everything we do in school. There are often links to good books and reading tips if you follow the school on Twitter.

Mrs Wallace and Miss Allnutt are working with the Bucks Teachers Reading Group to research ways to encourage reading for pleasure. Their research is focussing on informal book talk and recommendations. The aim would be that any recommendations we put on the website come from teachers, parents and children.

Yr 6 World War 2 Anderson Shelters



### Esafety

I know many children got phones and/or tablets for Christmas. Please make sure you have looked at security settings on each device. If you need any advice on Apps and what to be aware of please check out the school website for useful links.

### NOTICE BOARD

#### Infant School Meals

Thank you to everyone who let us know if your child was having one of the school lunches. As we now have exact numbers the amount of leftover food has been dramatically reduced. A small step towards helping the planet!

### Warm Coats

It is cold and often wet and most children come to school well wrapped up. Some though, have no coats, nothing warm for games and so are then complaining that they are cold. Please make sure your child has warm and waterproof clothing.