

Sherborne St John Church of England Primary School

I have plenty to write about this month, as the whole of the first half of term has passed by, and when you read this we will be a good way through the second half! For many of the children, one of the highlights may well be the 'snow day' when the school was closed – and this proved an excellent decision because, as well as the difficulties of reaching school on the Friday morning through the snowy lanes, we would probably have been snowed in after the amazing dump of snow on Friday afternoon! Many children made the most of the day, sledging on the hills and building snowmen!

Luckily the snow arrived after the Year 6s had returned from their week at the Stubbington Study centre. It was certainly cold there, but the excellent food provided by the centre kept them warm and they enjoyed the activities – including spotting 4 badgers and lots of foxes in the night excursions! Meanwhile the year 5 children took to the streets on their bikes learning to ride safely on the Bikeability course.

Events during February included the Infant children going to the Anvil to take part in the 'Big Sing' – this time learning songs to sing along with Barnaby Bear at Sea. Class 3 continued their trips with the Vyne wardens with a group looking at bats.

There was plenty of sporting activity too; the Year 5/6 Athletics team competed against 8 other schools and won a place in the Basingstoke Schools Final in March. Teams from the Juniors also took part in the Basingstoke Schools Cross Country and Badminton competitions. The tag rugby teams are training hard – in March there will be league matches for the Year 5/6 team and a Girl's Tag Rugby competition. Within school, Coach Faye from Premier Sports has been running dance lessons for years 2, 5 and 6 (with a special lesson for Class 3 during Stubbington week!) and Coach Paul from Summit Judo has been giving Judo Gymnastics lessons to Class 3.

Looking forward to early March, the Infant children will be travelling to Windsor Castle as part of their project called 'A Royal Invitation'. As well as looking around the castle, they will take part in a workshop on medieval knights. Class 3 will be taking a tour of London to see the sights, including a visit to the Museum of London and a trip on the London Eye.

A busy time of year, as always!

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