

## IMPORTANT DATES

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| 5th January 2016         | First day of Term 3  |
| Thursday 14th January    | 9:15—10:15 maths morning                                       |
| Friday 15th January      | 3 pm PTFA Film Night —films to be confirmed                    |
| Thursday 21st January    | 7:30pm PTFA meeting — Hare and Hounds                          |
| Wednesday 3rd February   | Swimming Gala—TBC  |
| Friday 5th February      | Unicef Day for Change  |
| Monday 8th February      | Parent Consultation Evening - Times TBC                        |
| Thursday 11th February   | Parent Consultation Evening - Times TBC                        |
| Friday 12th February     | Last day of Term 3   |
|                          | 3 pm PTFA Cake sale  |
| Thursday 14th February   | 3pm Year 6 SATS meeting — Eagles' classroom                    |
| 22nd February 2016       | First day of Term 4  |
| Friday 11th March        | PTFA Race Night  |
| Friday 18th March        | Sport Relief 2016 events                                       |
| <b>MONDAY 21st March</b> | <b>INSET DAY</b> ( New Literacy curriculum for all staff)      |
| Thursday 24th March      | 9.05 Easter Service in the Church<br>3pm PTFA Easter cake sale |
| Friday 25th March        | Last Day of Term 4   |
| Wednesday 20th July      | 9.05 End of year celebration assembly for all children         |
| 21st July 2016           | INSET Day  |
| 22nd July 2016           | INSET Day  |

# Framfield News

Week Ending

18th December 2015



*Giotto di Bondone, Nativity Scene in the Lower Church of San Francesco d'Assisi.*

*The staff and pupils of St Thomas a Becket Church of England Federation: Framfield School wish everyone a Joyful Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.*

# Some ideas for Christmas Reading—for all ages!



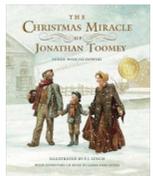
The Mitten (Jan Brett)

**The Mitten:** When a little red mitten suddenly appears in the forest, all the animals aren't quite sure that it is. They do realize that it's rather cozy inside the mitten, so one by one, they crawl inside. The mitten keeps on stretching to include more animals—even a bear!

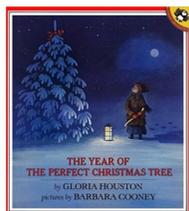


Dream Snow

**Dream Snow:** Eric Carle is well known for his popular books featuring caterpillars and brown bears. But what about snow? He has one for snow too! Now children can read about a farmer who works hard all day, caring for his animals and then going home to relax. One night he dreams about everything being covered in snow, and when he wakes up he finds that his dream has come true.



**The Christmas Miracle:** Classic Christmas childrens books are always wonderful choices for the holiday season. This title by Susan Wojciechowski and illustrated by P.J. Lynch is about a man named Jonathan Toomey. He is the best woodcarver around, but has a sad past that no one knows about. When he gets a special request one year, it becomes a request that will change his life forever. A heartwarming tale with a miraculous ending



**The Year of the Perfect Christmas Tree:** Ruthie and her mother set out to find the perfect tree for their home. There are so many trees to choose from, but there is one in particular they want to find. Years back, Ruthie's father planted a little tree on a

rocky cliff. While he's away at war, Ruthie and her mother think this might be the perfect way to bring him home for the holidays. Illustrations by the Caldecott Medal winner Barbara Cooney give life to a touching tale



**7+** How did the Viking hero Hairy Trousers and the boy known to his tribe as the Prince of Wolves get their names? Where did tinsel come from? The answers to these intriguing curiosities lie in this eclectic and unusual collection of traditional folk tales and legends from wintry places around the world.



**7+** Lettie Peppercorn hasn't left her house-on-stilts for over ten years. She dare not. Her mother left a very specific warning on the day she left - stepping outside could kill her. But when a mysterious, frozen man, who claims to be an alchemist, arrives at the door with a miraculous invention, Lettie's life is changed forever and she has no choice but to risk the perils lurking in the world outside if she wants to see her mother again.

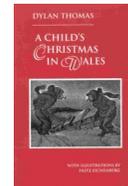


**10+** Goose wants all his family to be together on Christmas Eve - but then his dad, who is a fireman, is called out on duty. In his frustration Goose hides dad's car keys, hoping he won't go. This simple action leads to tragedy for Goose and others too. Set on Christmas Eve, this moving, magical and thought-provoking fairy-tale for older readers makes an ideal story for the festive season.



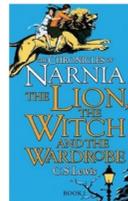
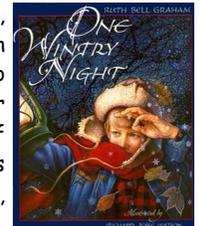
**Madeline's Christmas : Ludwig Bemelmans:** It's Christmastime in Paris, but inside the old house covered in vines are twelve sick girls—except for Madeline. Re-live the story of our favorite French girl as she runs the place on Christmas Eve—with a little help from a magician, of course

**Four Tales : Phil Pullman:** brings together *Clockwork*, *The Firework-Maker's Daughter*, *I was a Rat!*, and *The Scarecrow and His Servant*. Four stories and a new prologue and epilogue from the uniquely talented Philip Pullman.



**A Child's Christmas in Wales : Dylan Thomas:** is the perfect place for young readers to start. A free form lyrical anecdote told from the perspective of a child, this is the Christmas we want for our children - and ourselves - where the characters are huge and funny and 'It was snowing. It was always snowing at Christmas'.

**One Wintry Night : Ruth Bell Graham:** In a complex, lengthy picture book for older readers, an injured mountain boy, caught in a snowstorm at Christmastime, is taken in by a woman who lives in a log home the boy's grandfather helped build years before. After the snowbound pair become acquainted and the grandfather is notified of the boy's whereabouts, the woman launches into a telling of the Christmas story. Watson's artwork is unusually arresting,



**The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe : C S Lewis:** The first to be published and the best of the Narnia series and possibly the best title of a children's book ever! Do get a version with picture by Pauline Baynes and step into the world where "it is always winter and never Christmas."

**Forever X: Geraldine McCaughrean:** The Shepherd family have set off on their usual summer holiday under a cloud of gloom When the car breaks down, they are forced to stay the night at the nearest B&B. There they find themselves at a place where Christmas comes every day of the year, complete with turkey and Santa Claus. And they discover it's even stranger than that, with the girl in the elf costume, the mysterious Mr Angel and the police seeking a fugitive.



Huge congratulations to all the children for their fantastic efforts in performing in Behind the Stable Door and preparing for our Carol Service and of course the fun singing at the Late Night Shopping Event. Well done to the Eagles children who took part in the Big Sing at the Winter Gardens, Eastbourne and also entertained the Monday Club at their Christmas Party.

Thank you so much for all of your support with helping your children learn the words and making the costumes for these fabulous productions.

A very Happy Christmas to you all and best wishes for 2016!