



THE
COTSWOLD
SCHOOL

TWELVE GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS

Over the last couple of terms, we have had much to celebrate in school.

Sometimes, the things that make us thrive are the 'extras' that change the game.

Examples of going the extra mile include Drama teacher Mrs Dowie's determination to set up our first competitive chess club, which recently entered a national tournament.

We are also grateful for the amazing generosity of individuals, whose contributions will shape our school and support the learning of every child.

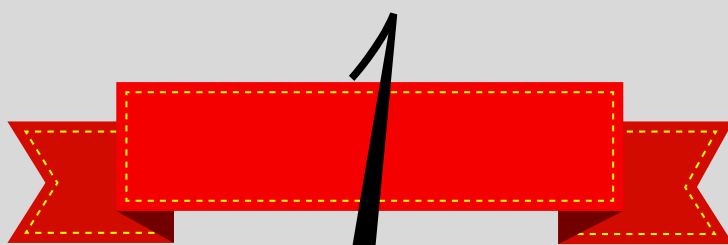
Here I have written about twelve of these special gifts that we are grateful for in school this Christmas.



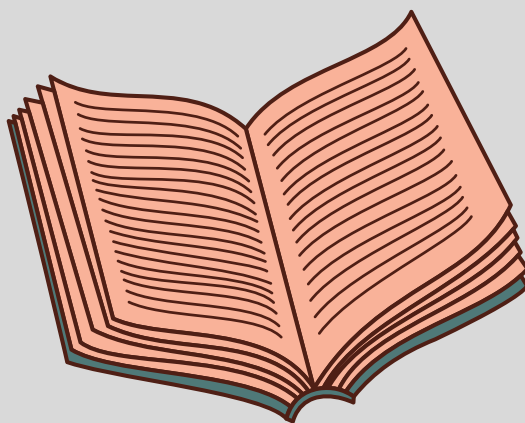
Have a safe and happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Will Morgan
Headteacher

Click to visit our website and read more stories of activities and achievements that we have enjoyed this Autumn.



THE AIRD LIBRARY

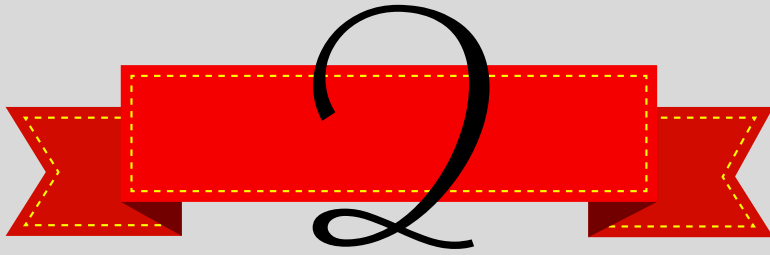


After Christmas, work begins to relocate our library to a new space at the heart of the school. The transformed space will be called The Aird Library and will open in the Spring.

We received a donation of £10,000 from the Airds, grandparents of some of our students, with a further £10,000 in match-funding, plus a legacy, to go towards the library. The PTA has allocated an amazing £10,000 to the project, too.

Now we're challenging the whole school community to raise more funds to unlock the match-funding! I know our students will create fun and exciting sponsorship schemes - and I hope their friends and family will support them.

Anyone can contribute ([click here](#) for our PayPal button on our website) and every penny will help.

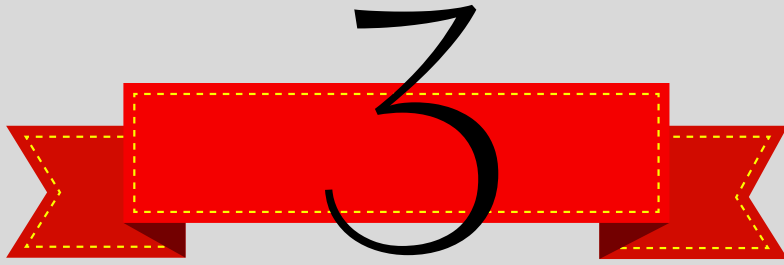


MUSICALLY GIFTED



A local musician recently contacted the school on facebook with an offer to donate his musical instruments and purchase even more to support us.

It's a wonderful act of friendship and will extend our popular teaching of world music as well as enrich the learning of many children here.

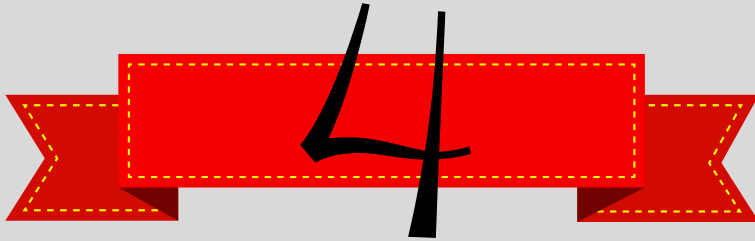


SEED TO FEED



From January, if you shop in Stow's Tesco or Moreton's Tesco Express, please vote for The Cotswold School's allotment and nutrition project, called 'Seed to Feed'.

You'll be helping us secure up to £1,500 to spend on gardening and cookery equipment.



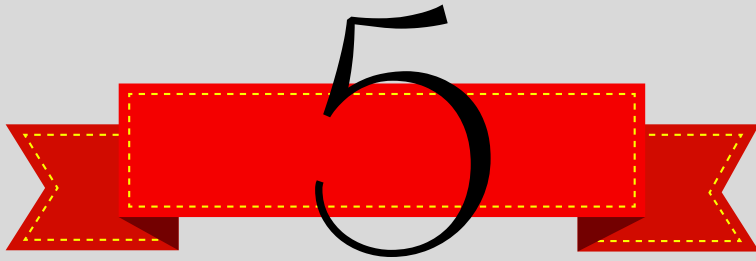
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE PRIZES



Year after year, many businesses across the Cotswolds support the PTA's Christmas Raffle by supplying generous offers that lead to sales.

I hope many of you who bought tickets will enjoy your prizes! Thank you to all the businesses and organisations who made this possible.

Because of you and our supporters, this year's Christmas raffle has raised £2,344!



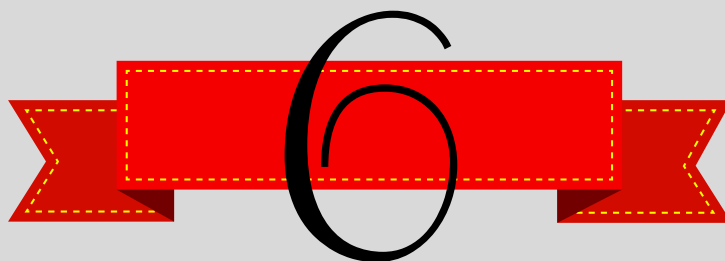
PTA VOLUNTEERS



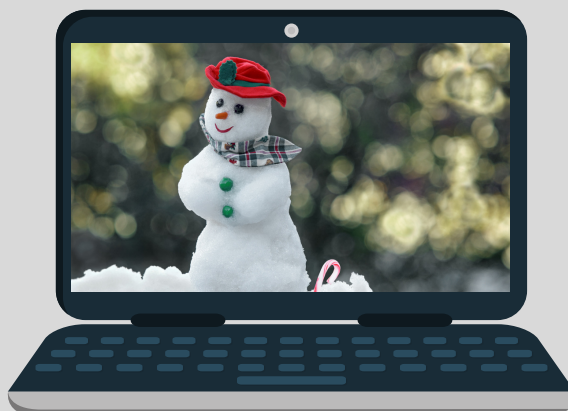
The PTA continues to support us with some great fundraising events. They have chosen to donate £10,000 to The Aird Library.

Thank you to everyone who gives their time and money to the PTA, it makes a great difference. Please continue to join in, share your ideas, meet people and make new friends across the school.

This term, you have raised a grand total of £5,639!

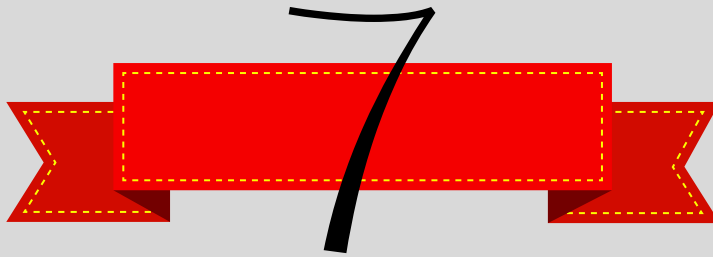


DONATIONS OF EQUIPMENT



We have always had a positive connection with the North Cotswolds Rotary. One of its members recently donated a number of laptops to The Cotswold School.

This thoughtful and generous act helps improve access to technology for all our students.



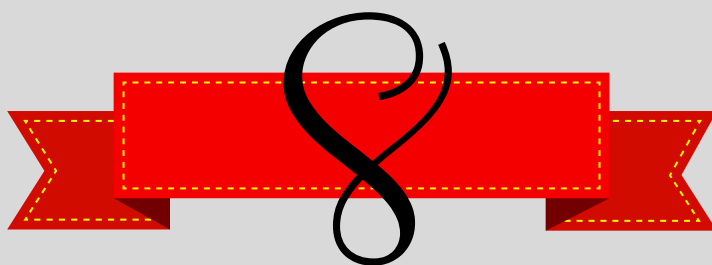
A FLYING VISIT



We were delighted to welcome back Nick Key – one of our former students – who dropped in this week to talk to students about his life as a helicopter pilot.

Former students, now working for some prestigious organisations, were among the many businesspeople who made our October Careers Fair such an informative and popular event.

We could do it without them!

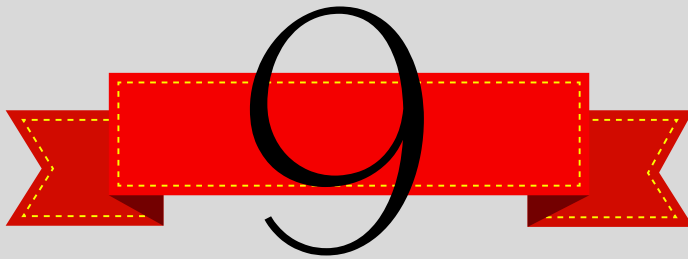


KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE

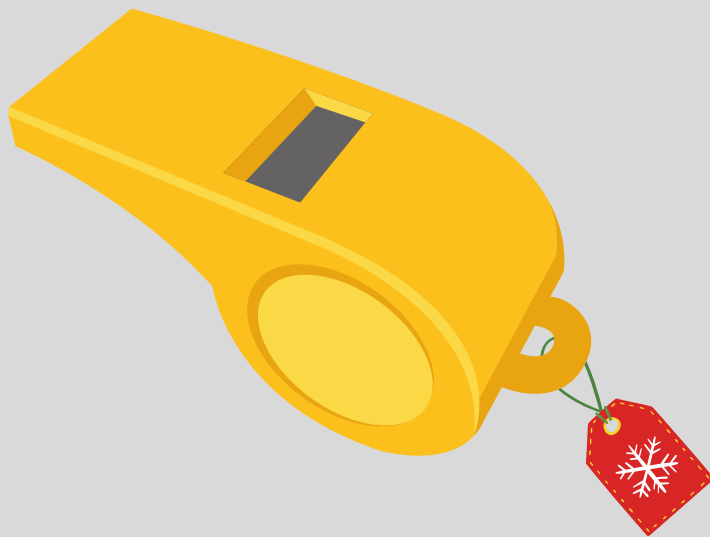


Among many visitors this Autumn, Mrs Wahlen invited historian, broadcaster and writer Dominic Sandbrook to talk about his career: a great opportunity for groups of students to quiz a specialist about the periods of history that they are passionate about.

Dr Gina Hadley made one of her regular visits this week, encouraging sixth form students applying to study Medicine.

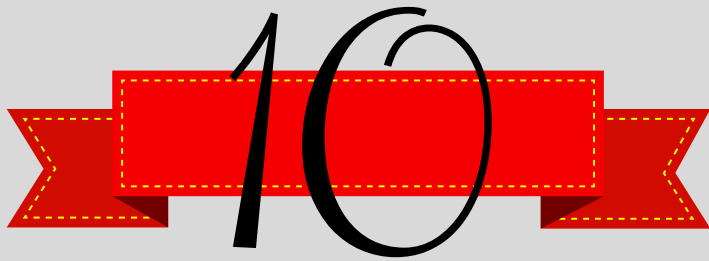


EXTRA TIME !



Staff run over 50 weekly clubs in lunchtimes
and after school.

I want to thank them for this great offer,
enriching learning and encouraging creativity,
friendship, competition and relaxation. From
coding to yoga, orchestra to languages,
there's a huge range of sports and creative
sessions as well as strong take-up for The
Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

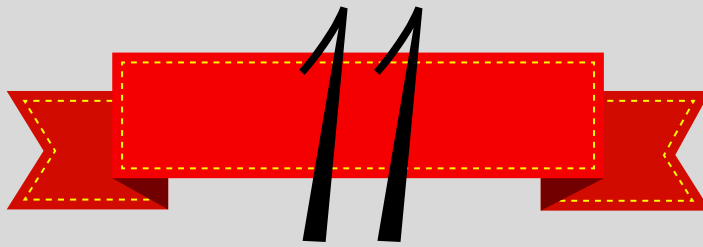


GOVERNOR VOLUNTEERS



We welcomed two new governors to our board this term, who will add to the expertise that benefits all of us at school.

Thank you to these volunteers, who hold us to account to ensure the best possible education for every child.

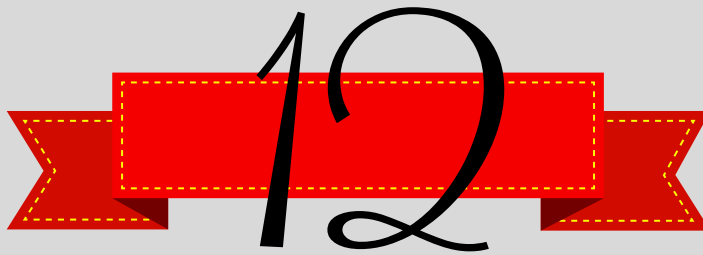


FOODBANK DONATIONS



As ever, your donations for families who don't have what they need this Christmas have been very generous.

We collected every tutor group's contributions and have delivered them to the North Cotswold Food Bank.



ACTING TO SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH



It began with lockdown rehearsals and became our first ticketed performance in nearly two years: the return to the stage was an incredible moment.

Proceeds from our Year 13 Drama students' show, 'The Wonderful World of Dissocia', highlighted mental health and raised over £750 for local youth charity, Headspace.

The first PTA bar in a while made £100, too!

*Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year*

Monday 3rd January
Bank Holiday

Tuesday 4th January
Inset Day (staff only)

Wednesday 5th January
All pupils return



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