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Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024

Newsletter No 4

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Staffing**

#### **Learning Support Assistants**

I am pleased to welcome Miss Katie Shawcross who has joined us this week as a Learning Support Assistant.

We have wished Mrs Farzana Ali good luck as she begins her maternity leave. We hope to see her in the playground with her new baby very soon.

### **Governors**

It is with sadness that I inform you that after 18 years of service, Mr Scott Moffat has decided to step down from the Governing Body. During his time here, he has presided as Chair of Governors, Vice Chair, Chair of Finance and Chair of Premises as well as attending many other meetings. Scott has been invaluable in his support of the school and often spent his free time helping out with odd jobs and maintenance around the premises. I would like to offer all my thanks and also that of the whole school community for the dedication and service he has shown.

### **Parent Governor Appointment**

I am pleased that following the request for parent governors, Mr Shaun Wanigasekera has been appointed and I welcome him and look forward to working with him.

### **Christmas Advent**

During Advent our Monday collective worship focus is on remembering that Advent is a time to prepare ourselves for Christmas. This doesn't just mean having parties, putting up decorations and buying presents, it means preparing our hearts for the message of Christmas.



We have created an Advent wreath to help us get ready, lighting a candle each week.

The first candle was lit on Monday and it reminds us of:

**The prophets** - who predicted Jesus' coming, a special king who would be just and fair, and he would bring peace and love



Our prayer for the season of advent is:

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for Christmas, the time when we celebrate the precious gift of your Son, Jesus.*

*Thank you for the peace he can bring to our hearts.*

*Please help us to use this season of Advent to prepare ourselves so that we can enjoy Christmas knowing that we are at peace with all those around us.*

*Amen.*

### **Christmas Production – ‘Don’t be Afraid’**



All the staff, led by Mrs Wells, worked incredibly hard and did a fantastic job preparing the actors and teaching the children all the songs. Mrs Wells was responsible for the musical arrangements, whilst Miss Collins and Mr Burgin worked with the actors and Mrs Allan prepared props.

Miss Aimee-Marie Tillman, an ex-pupil came back in her professional capacity and helped choreograph and teach the class dances which were wonderful.

Thank you also, for all your support ensuring the children had the right costumes and for helping the children learn their lines and songs. The children looked fantastic and they performed so well. I am sure you will agree that it was a pleasure to see how much they were all enjoying themselves.

We would also like to thank you for your generous donations to Wycombe Homeless Connection. We raised a total of **£344.94** and this will be added to after the Reception class Nativity collection and the Carol Service.

### **The Twinkly Nativity**

Reception are sharing their class Nativity on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, which we are all looking forward to.



### **Whole School Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 11 December**

The whole school will gather for ‘Christmas Dinner’ on Wednesday 11 December.

Please ensure you have booked by 9am on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December if you would like your child to join in with a hot Christmas lunch.

### **Christmas Fayre**



We all enjoyed the Christmas Fayre and it was wonderful to see so many of the school community come together – children, family, staff all contributing to the lovely atmosphere and so much to do and see. I know Santa was especially busy and the school was bursting with visitors.

As always, I would like to say an enormous thank you to all of the ‘The Friends’ who organised and prepared the whole event. I am sure you will all agree that events such as these, where so many ex-pupils return, remind us what a wonderful community our school is. Thank you also to everyone who helped on the day and to those of you who came along to support the school.

I believe that approx. £1880 has been raised which is a fantastic amount and we are very thankful.



## Carol Service – Thursday 12 December - 2.00 pm– All Saints Church

Next week, the whole school will walk to ‘All Saints Church’ for an end of term celebration of lessons and carols. Please do join us as we enjoy the carols and hear our orchestra play.

We have had a number of fund-raising events and would like to thank you for supporting them so generously:

- **Children in Need**  
Thank you to everyone who took part and raised a super total of **£189.60**.
- **Poppy Sale – The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**  
We are delighted to have raised **£109.23** for this year’s poppy appeal in High Wycombe.

## Sport Team House Colours

As you are aware the children are all allocated a ‘House’ and various competitions take place throughout the year where children earn points for their house, culminating in our Healthy Heroes Week and Sports Day.

The children are asked to wear T Shirts in their Team colours during the week and Sports Day and we would like to share with you the colours below as there has been one change

- **Surfers Blue**
- **Skaters Green (previously white)**
- **Bikers Red**
- **Riders Yellow**

Please ask your child’s teacher if you need clarification of your child’s team- siblings will be in the same house! Reception children will come home with a note next week to advise you of their team.

## End of Term

As we approach the last week of term, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy, healthy Christmas and look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**. Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January is a staff training day.

**Term ends on Friday 20 December at 1.30pm.**

## A few date reminders

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| • Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December  | Reception Nativity                  |
| • Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December | Whole School Christmas Lunch        |
| • Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December  | Carol Service at All Saints Church  |
| • Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December | Infant and Junior Christmas Parties |
| • Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December    | End of Term 1.30pm                  |
| • Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January      | Staff Training Day                  |
| • Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January     | Start of Spring Term 8.30 – 8.45am  |
| • Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January  | Year 5 Willen Lake/PGL Meeting      |
| • Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January     | Y4 Trip to Windsor                  |
| • Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January    | Whole School Blessing               |

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher

