



An Daras
Multi Academy Trust

Windmill Hill Academy Christmas Newsletter

'Gateway to Lifelong Learning'
'Porth dhe lyenn'



Mr A Terry
Head of School

Thursday 20th December 2018



The final day has arrived. It has been quite a long term and I must first, say a huge well done to all the pupils for their resilience in keeping going until the very end. They now need to enjoy their break and come back in January ready for the new term.

I hope you all enjoyed the KS1 performance and the KS2 carol concert. I was so proud of all the pupils. Special praise must go to KS1 who had to perform their play in the vast Town Hall. They were up to the task however, and the result was a wonderful performance. All the pupils

from both key stages spoke clearly and loud, they sang beautifully and they thoroughly entertained us all. Very well done.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to all of you for the tremendous help and support that you have given us throughout this term. We really do appreciate it.

I would now just like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, a Very Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year.

Thank you once again.

8:50 bell.

Please could we try to make sure that all pupils are in school and ready for the 8:50 bell. I know there are sometimes difficulties with traffic and unexpected events but please could we try to get here before 8:50.

Thank you.

Hats, coats, gloves.

Just to say that when we return from the Christmas holiday, we are potentially coming back to colder weather. Therefore, it is important that pupils do bring their coats with them. We are also happy for gloves and hats to be worn as well.

This will be especially important when classes go to their swimming lessons.

Please, may we continue to remind both pedestrians and drivers to be careful on the approach to the school. It gets very busy so please be aware and alert.

Return date and INSET days.

We return from the holiday on **Tuesday 8th January 2019.**

INSET and holiday dates for the rest of the year are as follows:
Spring term starts on Tuesday 8th January.

Half term—Mon 18th—Fri 22nd February.

Easter holiday— Friday 5th April (this is a parent consultation day) - Mon 22nd April.

Summer term starts—Tuesday 23rd April

Half term—Monday 27th May—Friday 31st May.

End of school year—Thursday 25th July.



We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Swimming

Swimming will start on Monday 14th January for Years 1, 4 and 6. Year 2, 3 and 5 will swim again during the 2nd half of spring term. Year 6 will start swimming in the summer term.



Respect and kindness awards:

KS1 awards for:

Ruby H—Alyssa G

Lower KS2 awards went to:

Benjamin F—Zack G

Upper KS2 awards for:

Lewis J and Noel C

Positive role Model award for:

Meadow M

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8th January	First day of the spring term.
14th Jan	Swimming starts for Y1,4 and 6.
18th February	Half term week
5th April	Parent consultation day.
5th April	Easter holiday starts.
23rd April	Start of summer term.

Attendance Figures for Nov/Dec 2018

Year	30th Nov	7th Dec	14th Dec	
YF	89.7%	92.1%	100%	
Y1	92.8%	94.8%	89.6%	
Y2	96.9%	94.6%	97.1%	
Y3	92.3%	94.2%	96.4%	
Y4	97.2%	92.3%	90.4%	
Y5	100%	98.6%	95.2%	
Y6	96.3%	94.1%	92.1%	

Stars of The Week

	Year F	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
30th Nov	Freddie C Olivia W		Iannis I Finlay T	Elsie S Rhys M	Jowan W Poppy K	Liam G Summer S	Rio A Iris S
7th Dec	Jack R Freddie S	Harry L Joshua J	Darcey S Phoebe H	Eliza Z Sara P	Erin A Jayden L	Gracie H Warren C	Iris S Joseph G
14th Dec	The whole of YF	The whole of Y1	The whole of Y2	Blake C Benjamin F	Dominika T Ewan B	Chloe R Theo B	Logan H James C
20th Dec	James B Chloe T	Jacob L Alfie S	Violet H Harry E	Leah L Jamie S	Jowan W Aime PH	Kristian A Daniel M	Romeo M Oscar H

Key Stage 1 News

Babushka - A Nativity Story!

On Tuesday 11th December, Key Stage One delivered their nativity performance to parents at the town hall. The children managed to overcome some last minute nerves and put on a fantastic performance. We definitely have some future stars within the Key Stage!

A massive thank you for the time and effort put into helping the children learn their lines and making or buying costumes, it was very much appreciated and the children looked amazing.

We would also like to thank those parents who were able to volunteer their time in walking the children to and from the town hall.

From all the staff in Key Stage One, we wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!



Key Stage 2 News

Christmas Carol Service 2018

Key Stage 2 put on an excellent Carol Concert in St Mary's Church on Tuesday 18th December. They have been learning the carols with Mr. Arnold, at school and lifted their voices to the rafters as they sang to their parents in the afternoon and sang even better in the evening performance when the church was full. They sounded lovely. Year 6 children had learned their lines to tell the Christmas story and projected their voices to the back of the church so that every one could hear. Some of Year 6 created the nativity tableau as the story of Jesus' birth was told. The others helped to fill the choir made up with the rest of the KS2 children. We would all like to thank Mr. Arnold for continuing to work with us and giving his time freely and a massive well done to the whole of KS2.



Christmas Tree in the church

Everyone in school worked hard to produce a decoration for our tree in the church display. The theme was Santas and Snow men. We took a few children from each Key Stage to the church to help decorate it. Thank you to **everyone** for helping to make it look so lovely.



Lantern Parade through the town

Year 5 had a great time working to make their lanterns with willow and tissue and then some of them paraded proudly around the town on a chilly and wet December evening. Well done to those who turned out .

