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Windmill Hill Academy Christmas Newsletter

'Gateway to Lifelong Learning'



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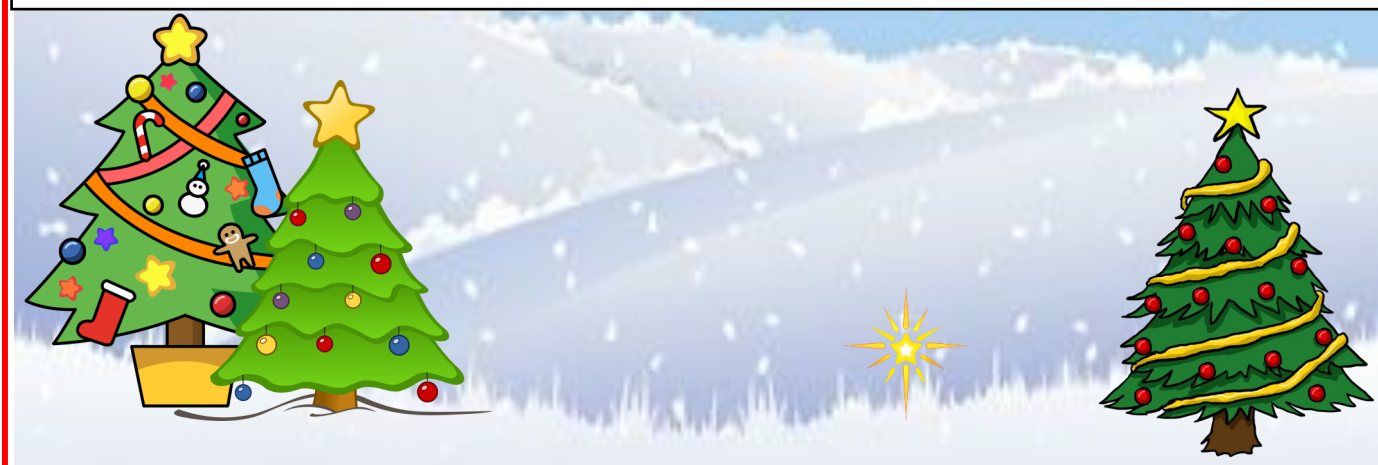
Wednesday 20th December 2017



Well we have made it to the end of term and Christmas is almost upon us. It has been a long Autumn term for the pupils and they really do deserve a very good rest. They have all worked extremely hard over the last few months so now they can take some time off to forget about school for a few weeks.

Evidence of that hard work was clearly on show during the last week when both key stages put on their Christmas performances. Both the KS1 and KS2 performances were wonderful and it always makes me so proud to see just how much they can achieve. The hard work of the staff should also be commended and I am sure that you will all agree with me that both performances were excellent. It is also thank you to you as parents/carers for supporting us with fantastic consumes and lines/songs practised at home.

It only remains for me to say a HUGE thank you for all your help and support throughout this term and to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We will see you all on **Monday 8th January 2018**. Thank you.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

21st Dec—5th Jan	Christmas Holidays
4/5th Jan	Inset days
8th Jan	Pupils back to school

Dinner Money Important Information

Please can all dinner money be paid for on a Monday for that week or longer. If there are any debts from that week your child will not be able to have school dinners until it has been paid. This is a directive from the MAT office in order to prevent any debts occurring.

Maths Awards for Autumn 2

Year F	Lexi W
Year 1	Kerenza D
Year 2	Ava R
Year 3	Kaspian L
Year 4	Emily H
Year 5	Alfie K
Year 6	Isabel S



Stars of The Week

	Year F	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
30th Nov	Jack C Chloe H	Joseph B Phoebe H	Alex K Olivia T	Minerva C Abigail S	Summer A Milo S	Alfie K Jaysia P	Hester R Matthew C
15th Dec	Lilly A Umut M	Harry P Harry E	Jayden BS Ryan H	Ewan Aron H S	Gemma H Kristian A	Evie Toby	Jack M Gemma C

Writing Awards for Autumn 2

Year F	Samuel T
Year 1	Poppy C
Year 2	Chelsea T
Year 3	Samuel M
Year 4	Liam M
Year 5	Abigail F
Year 6	Marshall M



Attendance Figures for Nov/Dec 2017

Year	27th Nov	4th Dec	11th Dec
YF	86.8%	86.5%	86%
Y1	95.7%	92.5%	92.7%
Y2	93.4%	92.4%	92.4%
Y3	94.7%	93.3%	93.3%
Y4	96%	96.7%	96.7%
Y5	92.9%	85.4%	85.7%
Y6	98%	98%	98.2%

Visible Learner Award This Term

Year F	Violet H	Quintin R
Year 1	Harry E	Harry P
Year 2	Aimee N	Brennan Morris
Year 3	Jayden L	Minerva C
Year 4	Lola H	Louis F
Year 5	James C	Iris S
Year 6	Nikola D	Theo S



Key Stage 1 News



A Magical Christmas Journey

Wow - what a fantastic Nativity performance Key Stage One put on! We hoped you all enjoyed it. The children did fantastically well with learning their lines and their songs, especially with some of our youngest children still being only aged 4. A big thank you to all of you for supporting them during this time and providing them with their fantastic costumes. Finally, a thanks goes to the 'Friends' for buying a set of extra costumes and providing and selling the refreshments.



A very busy few weeks for Key Stage One

It has been a very busy time of year with all of the learning taking place but also finding time for extra activities. Here are some of the things we have taken part in:

- **Road Safety Week Competition (whole school):** winners to be announced very soon.
- **Angel festival (whole school):** Angels were made by the children and displayed in St Thomas Church.
- **Advent Calendar (Year 2):** Advent pictures were painted by the children and one a day is being displayed on the 'Dunheved Road Residents Association' noticeboard.
- **'Over the rainbow' Christmas tree (whole school):** decorations were made by each class based on a colour to form our 'Over the Rainbow' theme and put on our school Christmas tree which was displayed in St Mary's Church for the Christmas Tree Festival.
- **Snowflake decorations (Year F):** Snowflake decorations were made and put on display during the late night shopping event.
- **Dress Rehearsal of KS2's 'Over the Rainbow':** All KS1 pupils enjoyed watching the dress rehearsal of KS2's performance of 'Over the Rainbow'.
- **Visit to Charlie Bears Bearhouse Gallery (Year 2):** Year 2 enjoyed their visit to the Charlie Bears Bearhouse Gallery.
- **Singing to the residents at Pendruccombe House (Year 2):** Year 2 visited the residents at Pendruccombe House and sang songs from their nativity and popular Christmas carols.



Key Stage One pupils and staff would like to wish you a Merry Christmas!



KS1 diary dates

We have two INSET days on the 4th and 5th January, so we welcome the pupils back on **Monday 8th January.**

Please note, there will be a new KS1 diary dates sheet sent out at the beginning of next term.



Key Stage 2 News



Decorating the tree in St. Mary's Church

On Friday 1st December, a group of KS2 and KS1 pupils went down to St. Mary's Church to decorate tree for the annual Christmas Tree Festival. The theme of our tree was 'Over the Rainbow' to link it to our KS2 production of The Wizard of Oz. Each class in school was asked to make decorations in a colour of the rainbow and our tree was made to look like a rainbow using decorations from every child in the school. We began at the top with YF children making red pompoms and at the bottom Y6 made decorations using violet wool. We hope that you have all had chance to see our tree amongst all the other beautiful trees in the church. By Y6





Christmas Fair

This year's Christmas Fair was held on Friday 8th December. It was very well attended and made £640! The Friends would like to thank all the businesses in and around Launceston that contributed in so many ways to the success of the event. We would also like to thank Father Christmas and his merry helpers for taking the time to come to our grotto to hand out presents to the children. Thank you also to everyone who helped at the event and to all the parents, friends and family who came to support us.

See you next year!



Disco



There will be a disco in February
The date is to be confirmed

Friends Facebook Group

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/136724383583406>

Please take a look at the Friends Facebook page for up to date information. The Friends would also like you to use this page for suggestions for events and ideas of how the money raised could be spent.



Any new volunteers are always very welcome.

*Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year 2018
from all the Friends*

