



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our final and festive weekly newsletter of the year.



Pupil achievements

The children have been working hard right up to the end of term and we celebrate the following achievements;



Green Cards – Jacob Watts, Ava Brewster, Georgia Shaw, Rhea Munyanyi (4F)

Always Club – Evie Farley (Hedgehogs), Oliver Miclea (Otters), Jessica Yetman (Badgers), Grace Garner (Rabbits), Chloe Hardy (Foxes), Ralph Geal (Squirrels), Nancy Dolling (3R), Oscar Spooner (3B), Emily Pembroke (4F), Marni Evans (4N), George Beale (5V), Jake Baldorino (5V), Ruhika Kottapalli (6K), Sophie Holmes (6H)

House News

This week, I held a House Quiz for KS2 pupils via Zoom, containing rounds on World Flags, Biscuits, Healthy Eating, Pictures and Christmas. There were 50 questions overall and the teachers were very impressed with the children’s knowledge. After totalling the average scores from each class, the overall winners were Dragons.

On Wednesday afternoon, the House Captains organised a Christmas House Afternoon for KS1 & 2 pupils. There were a variety of festive activities, which included three competitions; Art, Pin the nose/carrot/star and Guess the number in a jar. The House Captains and I judged the Art competition and the overall winner was Centaurs. The overall winners of the Pin the nose and Guess the number were Dragons and Phoenix respectively. Thank you House Captains for making this an enjoyable and successful afternoon for all.



Once all the points were added up, the overall winner of the termly House Cup was Unicorns.

Autumn Term House Cup final totals

| Centaurs | Dragons | Phoenix | Unicorns |
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| 817 | 1086 | 972 | 1118 |

Christmas events



As well as all the individual activities in classrooms, the children enjoyed the Christmas Dance parties, which were provided by Friends of Holbrook. In addition, Reception and Y1 children had a visit from Father Christmas himself, who took time out of his busy schedule



to visit the school on Thursday. Thank you FoH.

On Tuesday and Wednesday Reception children performed their Christmas Nativity play to parents. The children were amazing with their wonderful acting, speaking, singing and signing – it really was a joyous occasion and they should be very proud of themselves. The link to the recording for those unable to attend can be found below. Once again, thank you to everyone who attended for following the covid-secure measures to ensure everyone’s safety.

<https://youtu.be/aqNWGi60TXA>

Reminder

The spring term starts on Tuesday 4th January 2022 and we look forward to welcoming the children back then.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you for all the lovely cards and presents that we have received at the end of a very demanding year – they are most appreciated by the whole staff team. Thank you very very much.

On behalf of the staff and governors, we wish all our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope that the break is a safe and enjoyable time for everyone.

Diary Dates

| Autumn 2021 | |
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| Friday 17 th December | Last day of the Autumn term |
| Spring 2022 | |
| Tuesday 4 th January | First day of the Spring term |
| Thursday 13 th January | Year 3 swimming starts |
| Thursday 13 th January | Bowles meeting for Y5 parents |
| Friday 21 st January | Year 3 trip to Butser Farm |
| 21 st – 25 th February | HALF TERM |
| Monday 28 th February | School closed for INSET day |
| w/c Mon 7 th & Mon 14 th March | Parent Consultations |
| Thursday 24 th March | Annual Governors' Day |
| Friday 8 th April | Last day of the Spring term |

Best wishes



Ian Holmes

