



Dear Parents/Carers

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



### Christmas events

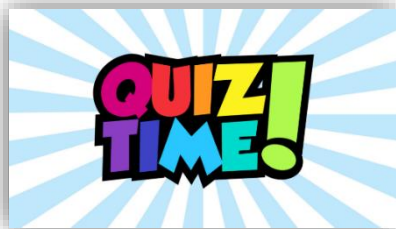
As well as all the individual activities in classrooms, the children enjoyed the Christmas Dance parties, which were once again provided by Friends of Holbrook. In addition, Reception children had a visit from Father Christmas himself, who took time out of his busy schedule to visit the school on Wednesday.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

Earlier today, the children watched the annual staff pantomime and entered into the fun with plenty of laughter and booing in the right places. Thank you to everyone involved.



### Curriculum

There was still plenty of learning happening in our final week of term. Here are a couple of photos of DT projects from Year 2 and Year 3 – pizza and pencil pot holders.



### House News

This week, I held our annual House Quiz for KS2 pupils via Teams, including rounds on Christmas traditions, movies, toys and winter. The children had 50 questions overall to answer and we were very impressed with their knowledge. After totalling the average scores from each class, the overall winners were Centaurs.

After our Christmas lunch on Wednesday, the House Captains organised a Christmas House Afternoon for KS2 pupils. There were a variety of festive activities which the children loved. The House Captains and I judged the Art competition (winning entry for each House below) and the overall winner was Unicorns. Thank you, House Captains, for making this an enjoyable and successful afternoon for all.





### House Cup

The final winner of the House Cup in 2023 is Unicorns – well done!

Centaurs	Dragons	Phoenix	Unicorns
485	371	502	531

Once all the points were added up, the overall winner of this term's House Cup was Unicorns  
Autumn Term House Cup final totals

Centaurs	Dragons	Phoenix	Unicorns
2244	2225	2216	2646



### Christmas collection

Thank you for your generous contributions to our collections at our various Christmas performances. The total raised was £646 and this will be split between Horsham Matters and Horsham Community Responders.

### Staff news

We say farewell to Mrs Helen Taylor (Reception Teaching Assistant) who is leaving Holbrook at the end of this term. I would like to thank her for her contributions to the school and we wish her well for the future.

### And finally...

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you for all the lovely cards and presents that we have received at the end of the 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.

Have an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas and New Year break. See you all in 2024.



Kind regards,

Ian Holmes  
Headteacher

### CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES

CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024
28 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	15 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
11 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024
18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	29 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
25 <sup>th</sup> January 204	5 <sup>th</sup> February 2024

Half Term week	
8th February 2024	19th February 2024
15th February 2024	26th February 2024
22nd February 2024	4th March 2024

**Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)**

<b>Spring 2024</b>	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	School closed for INSET day
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3 Swimming starts
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices at the O2
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	School Council visit to Houses of Parliament