



Dear Parents and Carers,

19th December 2019

HEADTEACHER'S AFTERNOON TEA: I had a most enjoyable time on Monday when I was joined by 14 pupils for Afternoon Tea. We had a scrumptious feast of sandwiches, sausage rolls, mini sausages, crudities, crisps, fruit platters, marshmallows and gingerbread men. The menu also featured Christmas cupcakes and brownies made for us by our very own star baker, Mrs Chaundy. We sang some Christmas songs and played 'I Spy'. The children also told me about their hopes for the big day. My guests were delightful and well mannered – a real credit to their parents. I would like to thank the staff who decorated and set the table so well and prepared the food. A special thank you goes to Mrs Lee who organised the event.



| Year Group | Head Teachers Tea Party Guests |
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| FSU | Amira Thompson & Leighton M |
| Puffin | Macey T |
| Kingfisher | Aisa S |
| Swan | Hollie B |
| Flamingo | Keavy W |
| Lion | Tyger-James T |
| Giraffe | Rania A |
| Penguin | Mason T |
| Eagle | Peter L |
| Snowy Owl | Matthew W |
| Leopard | Will D |
| Dolphin | Sophy A |
| Elephant | Abigail C |

FSU NEWS: Christmas has hit Nursery with a Bang! The children have been role playing Christmas Eve, by giving and receiving presents which has been linked to number recognition. They have also enjoyed watching the popcorn maker and eating the results. Reception gave a magnificent performance of a 'Little Bird Told Me' to both the school and parents. Well done children, you were brilliant. On Wednesday we had our Christmas party and we were lucky enough to be visited by Father Christmas, who gave out lots of presents. Fortunately, no one was on the naughty list. As staff, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this term and we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Ms Rainer FSU leader

WYNDHAM CARE HOME VISIT: On Tuesday I accompanied a group of Year 2 pupils to Wyndham Care Home. The pupils were Keavy W, Scarlett H, James T, Maya K, Jessica B, Cameron S and Hollie B. The children retold the story of the Birth of Jesus and performed songs and dances from our Nativity "Lights, Camel, Action!" in front of an audience of residents and staff. As the children performed, more people stopped to watch and listen as they passed the room that we were in. The children spoke up, sang well and danced beautifully. Afterwards they were treated to squash, biscuits and sweets whilst they interacted with staff and residents. I was very proud to witness their lovely performance, exemplary behaviour and good manners. The staff were grateful for their visit and said that it was a highlight of the residents' year! Miss T. Chevis

RECEPTION NATIVITY: Our Reception children took to the stage on Tuesday to perform their Nativity, 'Little Bird Told Me'. It was brilliant. The children looked fabulous in their costumes, many of which had been sent in from home – well done! They sang and danced beautifully, making everyone in the audience smile. A highlight of the production was when they were joined by our Y6 children to sing the Queen song, 'Don't Stop Me Now'. My thanks go to the Reception team for all their hard work with the children. A special mention must be made of Mrs Fowler for her wonderful flute playing.

NURSERY NATIVITY: Our youngest pupils gave the second performance of their nativity on Monday morning. Their Nativity had to be done on two mornings as we could not fit all the parents into the Studio at once. Again, it was most enjoyable, and the children told the story of Jesus' birth perfectly. Well done!

CHRISTMAS DINNER: Yesterday the kitchen served the school Christmas dinner to over 300 - no mean feat! We were treated to turkey and all the trimmings, with a chocolate ice cream tree for dessert. My thanks for such a delicious meal go to our fantastic catering team: Sue Tugwood, Liz Pickwell and Paula Richardson.

CAROL CONCERT: This morning's concert was excellent. It was marvellous that so many parents were able to join us. The singing from the school, the choir and our soloist, Owen L, was wonderful. The school band accompanied us while we sang, 'O Come All Ye Faithful' and they too, were wonderful. From the feedback that we have received from parents and pupils, the staff song was very much appreciated. My thanks go to Mrs Spearman for organising the concert and to Miss Rees and Mrs Dodson-Wells (Riley's mum) for all their work with the choir and to Mrs Hunter for teaching our musicians in the band so well.

ATTENDANCE: The attendance for the school this week was 93.70%, and the overall attendance for terms 1 & 2 was 96.16%.

| Class | Attendance w/c 16/12/19 | Termly Attendance |
|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Yellow Wagtail | 100.00% | 92.70% |
| Red Kite | 93.65% | 94.18% |
| Bluebird | 91.67% | 94.18% |
| Kingfisher | 88.67% | 95.92% |
| Puffin | 100.00% | 96.54% |
| Swan | 92.59% | 95.80% |
| Flamingo | 93.83% | 96.84% |
| Giraffe | 87.65% | 97.47% |
| Lion | 91.98% | 96.32% |
| Eagle | 96.67% | 97.39% |
| Penguin | 94.44% | 97.16% |
| Snowy Owl | 91.94% | 96.89% |
| Leopard | 96.11% | 96.71% |
| Elephant | 93.83% | 96.02% |
| Dolphin | 93.55% | 95.98% |

The best classes this week were Puffin and Yellow Wagtail classes with 100.00% which is fantastic. The class with the winning attendance for Terms 1 & 2 was Giraffe class with 97.47%- well done Giraffe class!

END OF TERM: Today we close for the Christmas holidays at 1.30pm. School reopens for children on Tuesday 7th January. I hope you all have a happy and healthy holiday. Merry Christmas everyone!

Have a good weekend

Mrs L Daulton



Headteacher