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Our wonderful children on Christmas jumper day.

An end of Year Message

Firstly, can I thank everyone (staff, parents and children) for all their hard work this term. It's been a long 15 ½ weeks, but there have been many wonderful times along the way and so much great learning that the children have enjoyed. I'd like to wish you all the happiest of Christmases from the entire staff team here at Guildhall. I hope that you enjoy peace and joy over the holiday season. I'll put in a quick plea (spelt correctly this week), that you please keep reading with your children over the holidays. It is so vital that they keep the progress in the reading going, so that we don't need to spend weeks in January getting them back up to speed.

As you will have read in recent Dojos, Mrs Page is leaving us to work at The Priory from next term. Lots of the children will miss her, and many more besides will keep fond memories of her from years gone by. We all wish her all the best in her new venture. We also say a temporary goodbye to Mrs Langley as she starts her maternity leave, we hope to meet a new little face in due course.

If you were able to attend the Christmas service at St. Mary's last Friday, you will have heard me talk about the importance of trust, both across the world and in our school community. We are always very aware that you place the huge levels of trust in us to look after your children and guide them through this early stage of their lives. Hopefully, we live up to that and support your children in the way that is right and correct. This is, like everything else, a partnership between families and the school, so please let us know of anything that might be important for us to know about your child over the Christmas period. It is so much easier for us to be aware if issues, so that we can be ready to offer the support required as soon as we can in January.

Finally, I'll just remind you all that the 3rd January is a training day, so please don't bring your children in until Thursday 4th January.

Thanks

Medical news

Can we ask that you all check your children's heads for nits over the Christmas break please. We've had some cases in school and it would be great to get all cases under control before we arrive back in January. That way we have the best chance of remaining nit free for as long as possible.

We also have had a growing number of cases of conjunctivitis, so please check your children for this condition as well.



Our Christmas Service

We all enjoyed a truly beautiful Nativity Carol Concert at St Mary's last week. It was lovely to see the children sing so brilliantly and for the Year 1s to re-enact the story so superbly. Thank you to all those parents who came out and made it such a great community event.



The Year 2 Christmas Play

A huge well done must go to the Year 2 children who pulled off a superb performance of their Christmas play, 'A Star, A Stable and me'. The quality of the acting was fantastic to see, as was the confidence that the children showed being in front of an adult audience and speaking so clearly. The drive to bring more opportunities for acting and performance goes hand-in-hand with other work we are doing in promoting wider vocabulary, with the main aim to improve the oracy skills of the children.



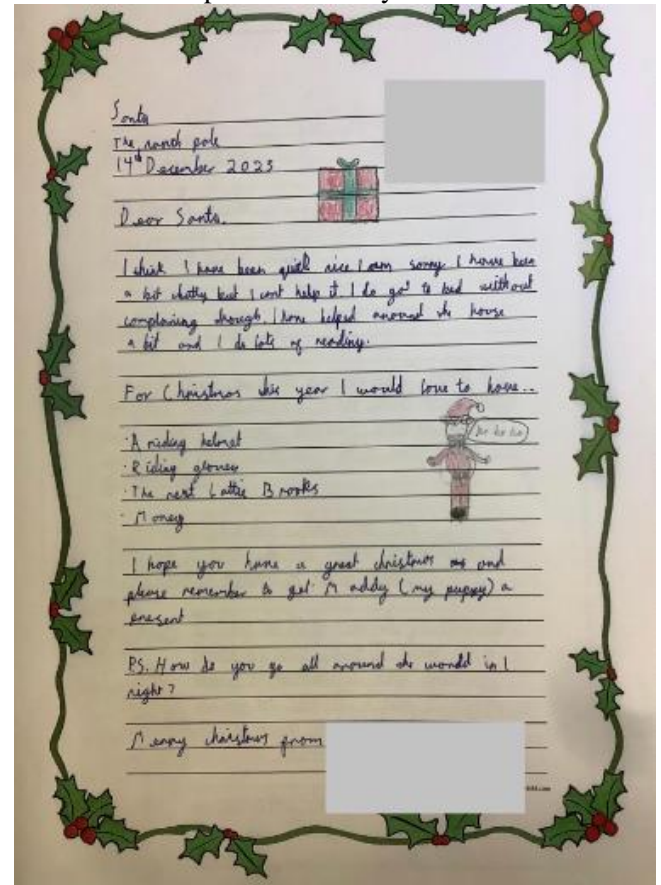
House Points Trophy

Congratulations to the Diamonds house for winning the last week's House Point trophy. The termly win went to Rubies who now receive the main House Points cup..



Breakfast with Santa

Thank you all so much for attending the Breakfast with Santa event. The event alone raised over £450 for the Friends of Feoffment to spend on your children. Santa was as wonderful as you'd expect him to be and I know that lots of you grabbed a selfie with him at breakfast. Here is an example of the lovely letters he received.



Christmas dinner day was also enjoyed last week by many many children in the school. Look how lovely some of them look in their Christmas jumpers too.



Year 5 Ice skating trip

Our Year 5 children took the opportunity to try their hand at ice skating at the temporary rink in town. They had a great time, even if they did come away from it with a few bumps and bruises!



Updated Online Safety Guide for 2024

We've updated the school's online safety guide for 2024. It has been updated to include details of some new and emerging platforms and support materials that you will need to be aware of as parents. Please take some time to look through the document, and have it as a resource to reference whenever you child is engaging in online activity and you would like to know more about the platform they are using and how to keep them safe.

Year 6 Curriculum Days

Our Year 6 children have had a couple of days devoted to a whole day of immersion into a couple of subjects. They enjoyed a computing day on Monday and were busy developing their programming skills.

Yesterday, in the World War Two spirit of make do and mend, they have been developing their textile skills in making their own mini pillows.

They have also been busy with their Accumulator Challenge, raising more money for their end of year event. Thank you to all who have supported this by buying their products this term, they really do appreciate it.



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