



# Chorleywood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy and exciting half term. There have been lots of exciting events.

At the end of November the Sunday Times published a list of top performing state primary schools. They used level 5 results (pupils working above age related expectations) to rank the schools. Chorleywood Primary School was ranked 47<sup>th</sup> in the country. We are very proud of this achievement.

In November when Miss Dawson and I met with our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner; she agreed with our self-evaluation that our pupils' outcome (attainment and progress combined) is OUTSTANDING. This is the second year running that we have received this grading. This is a direct result of the hard work and dedication of the staff, pupils and of course your support at home.

## Christmas Productions

The pupils and staff worked hard again this year to produce three wonderfully entertaining performances. The performances were all unique and very well-rehearsed. Thank you to the PTA for providing refreshments. We raised a total of £330 for the Chiltern Food Bank; thank you so much for your generosity.

## Pantomime



We had a very enjoyable time at the Cinderella pantomime, further entertainment was provided by the ugly sisters picking on Mr Dwyer throughout the



entire performance! Thank you to all who helped and the children for their excellent behaviour as usual.

### Senior Citizens

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December we invited some local senior citizens from 5 Ways Friends group for mince pies and coffee.

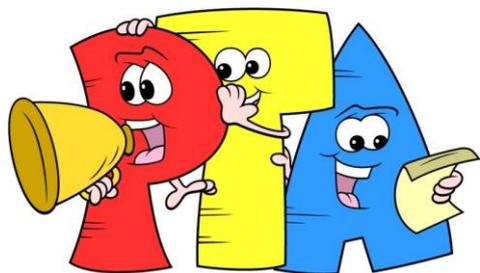
"Recently, over 30 senior citizens visited

Chorleywood Primary School. On the afternoon of the 8<sup>th</sup> December they arrived in our school for an enjoyable Christmas tea. Six students cheerfully

played Christmas favourites on the piano including: Jingle Bells, Rocking Around the Christmas Tree and Winter Wonderland. As the senior citizens sipped their tea, the whole school sang Christmas songs from their Nativity Play. The senior citizens really enjoyed spending time getting to know us at Chorleywood Primary School. We helped them into the hall if they needed it and as they left we gave them a Christmas card and some chocolates. " By Charlotte and Josh 5 Year 6



### PTA



Many thanks to Mrs Ridgeway, Mrs Booth and their team for their fantastic efforts this term leading numerous PTA events, including a highly successful Christmas Market, that raised £5000. Please see the PTA newsletter for further information about their hard work and upcoming events. Do not forget

to get your tickets for Family Fun Night on 30<sup>th</sup> January.

### School Governance

I would like to express my gratitude to the governors for their hard work and continued support this term. You will have all received the outcomes from the parent survey undertaken in November. Many thanks to everyone who completed a questionnaire; we really value your feedback. The governors and I were delighted with the outcomes and will share our action plan based on your feedback in the new year. One of the suggestions was to receive more frequent information related to pupil targets. We will be sending out a half termly curriculum information letter in January, this letter will also share the targets your child will be working on throughout the half term. I hope you find this useful.

## Anti-Bullying Policy

I wanted to say a massive thank you to the parents who helped us review our anti-bullying policy. We will be sending out the new policy to parents in the new year.

## Applications for a place in Reception September 2016

Please be reminded that the deadline for completing an application for a place in Reception for September 2016 is 15th January 2016.



## Reading Challenge

Miss Dawson delivered an assembly on Monday regarding our very exciting new reading challenge. This has been specifically designed to develop children's love of reading and reward them for their efforts.

This was also discussed at the reading workshop. The content of the workshop was sent to all parents. We do appreciate that books are expensive; we will be purchasing a range of books from the list, but we encourage children to use the library and share between their friends. If your child has read one of the books and is willing to share with their classmates we would be very grateful.

## Playground rezoning

Over the last six months the children, led by the School Council, have been planning to rezone the playground and make lunchtimes more exciting. If you have any good quality, safe scooters, good quality reading books or good quality board games or puzzles that you would like to donate, please let the office know.



## Happy Holidays

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to thank you for your continued support this term and wish you a very happy, healthy and relaxing holiday. On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January staff will be undertaking internal training and the spring term begins on Tuesday 5th January at the normal time.

With very warm festive wishes,

Mrs. Roberts

Head Teacher