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Dear Parents and Carers

This has been a very busy and exciting term. I would like to start by thanking all the children, staff, parents and helpers for their hard work over the term. I am delighted with the pupil progress data for this term.



Christmas Productions

I really enjoyed all the performances, particularly the combination of the Benny Hill chase theme and Gangnam Style in the EYFS/Y1 production. The singing was amazing in all 3 productions (and I see a lot of productions this time of year!). Thank you also to the PTA for providing refreshments. We raised a total of £300 for the Watford New Hope Trust.

Pantomime

We had a very enjoyable time at the pantomime. I am resisting the temptation to make some poor panto related jokes! Thank you to all who helped. All the adults managed to escape humiliation...except Mr. Rasheed!

Equalities Policy

The Governors and I have reviewed the Equalities Policy. This document is quite lengthy and I was keen to share a summary of it. The School Council and the working group have written a short summary to explain the contents.





Pupil Premium

The school receives money to support vulnerable pupils. This money supports them in a variety of ways. It relates specifically to children who are Looked After by the Local Authority and those eligible for Free School Meals. You can find more information and this year's report at:

http://www.chorleywood.herts.sch.uk/parents_information/pupil_premium.html

SMSC

You may have noticed that a new display area has gone up by the trophy table. This is to celebrate the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural curriculum. It is an opportunity to celebrate religions and other cultures. We support children to think about how they socialise and think about their actions and consequences. It also focuses on moral and ethical issues. Please come and have a look next term.

Christmas Market and Late Night Shopping

Yet again the PTA surpassed themselves and raised nearly £5000 at the Christmas Market. It was a fantastic day, well done to everyone for their hard work. Well done to the Choir for their performance at these events. I was really proud of them. We received lots of compliments from parents and the community. We also raised over £250 on the stall.

Governance

I would like to express my gratitude to the Governors for their hard work and continued support this term. Particularly our Chair of Governors, Carla Avis. As a Governing Body we are constantly looking to improve the efficiency of the school. Following a period of consultation with staff the Governors have approved a restructure of the office. This will mean that the office is open from 8.30am until 4.30pm daily after February half term.

Goodbye

Mr. Hamilton has handed in his resignation due to personal circumstances. He will be leaving at the end of this term. We have successfully appointed a replacement this week. Miss Goodman has had experience teaching in similar

schools to ours. She is an enthusiastic and dedicated teacher who is committed to the success of the students and is very excited to be joining our team and getting to know the class. We wish him luck in the future. Mrs. Pickard is also leaving us at the end of the term. She has supported many children in the school in lessons and crossing them safely over the road after school, we will miss her lots and wish her well in her new career. We are also saying goodbye and thank you to Mabel and Michelle in the kitchen.

Happy Christmas!

On behalf of all of the staff and Governors, I would like to thank you for your help and support this term and wish you a very happy, healthy and relaxing Christmas. Please remember that school finishes this Friday at the earlier time of 2pm. The Spring Term begins on Tuesday 8th January at the normal time.

With very best festive wishes,

Mrs. Roberts
Head Teacher

