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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share some very exciting news.....

We analysed our progress data across KS2 against the other 16 local schools. This analysis identified that we came first in reading and maths, and second in writing. In maths our progress across KS2 was the highest in Hertfordshire and 34th in Reading. If we look at attainment we were one of 21 schools in Hertfordshire who had over 85% of our Y6 pupils achieve age related expectations in reading, writing and maths combined. Please see the governors' newsletter for additional information relating to how we compared nationally.

In November when Miss Dawson and I met with our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner; she again agreed with our self-evaluation that our pupils' outcome (attainment and progress combined) is OUTSTANDING. This is the third 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 really excelled themselves this year with 3 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 £351 for the Chiltern Food Bank, thank you so much for your generosity.

Pantomime



We had a very enjoyable time at the Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime, this particular production was a trip down memory lane with a nostalgic look back at the works of Steps circa 1997-2001! Thank you to all who helped and the children for their impeccable behaviour.

Senior Citizens

On Tuesday 13th December we invited some local senior citizens from 5 Ways Friends group for mince pies and coffee. The children performed a selection of songs from their productions.



“ On Tuesday we welcomed the senior citizens and served them tea and coffee. We had an afternoon of general conversation asking them about what they were doing for Christmas. I really enjoyed it because it was really interesting talking to them and I felt that I made them feel happy. Before they left we gave them a Christmas card and some chocolates. ”
By Karlie Year 6

Sports Committee

Mr Trevett and I have met with our sports committee several times to discuss their fantastic suggestions of how to improve sports at our school. We will be meeting early in January to set up some sub-committees to look at a whole school sports challenge and a revamp of the activities at sports day.

School Council

The school council have been working hard to pick the final designs for the wall on the KS2 playground, we are still asking for any artistic parents who can help us paint the final designs on the wall. Please let the office know if you are able to help.

Home learning policy

Many thanks to the parents who volunteered to support with this working group. Our first meeting will be 19th January at 9.00am. If you are interested in attending please let the office know.

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 raising a massive £5500. Please see the PTA newsletter for further information about their hard work and upcoming events.



School Governance

I would like to express my gratitude to the governors for their hard work and continued support this term. Please see the Governors' Newsletter for a roundup of the term.

Applications for a place in Reception for September 2017

Please be reminded that the deadline for completing an application for a place in Reception for September 2017 is 15th January 2017.



Goodbye

I am sorry to announce that Mrs Hall in the office will be leaving us for a full time position in a local school. I would like

to thank her for all her hard work at Chorleywood Primary School. We will also be losing one of our cleaners, Caroline Dudley. We also wish her well.

A request from a parent

A parent has written to me and respectfully requested that people do not leave their car running outside the pedestrian entrance while the children are waiting to enter the school in the morning. The fumes could be damaging to their health.



Happy Holidays

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to thank you for your help and support this term and wish you a very happy, healthy and relaxing holiday. On Thursday 5th January staff will be undertaking internal training and the spring term begins on Friday 6th January at the normal time.

With very warm festive wishes,
Mrs. Roberts
Head Teacher