



**Dec 2015**  
**End of Term**

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## Christmas Performances

Well done to all the children for their excellent Christmas performances. These were the Nursery and Reception Class play 'Jesus's Christmas Party' the Infant play 'A Christmas Carol', and the Y3/4 show, 'Christmas is Forever!' It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents coming to watch!

## Appointment of new Parent Governor

Following the recent Governor election at school, our new Parent Governor is Mr Stephen Gates.

## Pantomime Trip

Everyone who went to the theatre yesterday had an enjoyable afternoon. The children behaved well and were a credit to the school. Special birthday wishes were announced during the performance for Macie White and Ethan Wright! Huge thanks must go to Mrs Toosey and Mrs Graves for organising this mammoth outing with such military precision! The months of preparation were appreciated by all the staff. Here are some children's comments:

"The magic carpet was great. It was magical!" **Leon Stronach YR**

"It was so different." **Talisha Bradding YR**

"I liked the lady who had bubbles on her hair!" **Neriah Lorraine YR**

"I liked the Genie because she was pink!" **Mary-Jane Jeans YR**

"It was fun." **Dexter Twyford YR**

"I liked it when the man squirted everyone!" **Jasmine Lee YR**

"I liked the singing." **Art Lawrence YR**

"I liked the end when they were all dancing."  
**Poppy-Bea Anderson YR**

"I liked the bit when Aladdin and Jasmine were dancing."  
**Robyn Nolan YR**

"My favourite part of the pantomime was when the man was trying to entertain Abanazar using the balloon. I liked it because it was so cool how he could pull his whole body into the ball and then pop out of it holding the lamp when it was at the other side of the stage!"  
**Sylvie Hankinson Y5**

"The pantomime was amazingly funny and very enjoyable. I enjoyed all the dances and characters, including Abanazar! Aladdin is an amazing pantomime."  
**Alice Godfrey Y4**

"Aladdin was a very well performed production. It was very humorous and we found ourselves laughing throughout the pantomime! We all had ice cream during the interval!"  
**Ben Kearney and Phillip Moisey-Gray Y6**



## Head Lice

We have had a number of outbreaks of head lice this term. Please check your child's hair regularly and thoroughly. Let's try to eradicate them over the Christmas holiday!

## Hot Lunches

Huge thanks must go to AIP for the Christmas dinner enjoyed by nearly all the children and staff today!

Anyone who dropped in a late lunch order for the first week in January is advised that these have been accepted by AIP and will be processed. However, from January, any orders received after the deadline of 9am on Wednesday morning of the previous week will not be accepted. These cause a huge administrative inconvenience for both AIP and school staff and can result in a child missing out on a meal being ordered.

## Carol Service

We all enjoyed our Carol Service at the church this morning with the children reading and singing beautifully! Thanks go to Revd. Helen Barnes who lead the service for us.

## Forest School



Please remember that Forest School sessions will resume after February half term. Instead, from Monday January 11<sup>th</sup>, children in YR – Y3 will be doing cookery on their Forest School day, the first session being for Mrs Sim's class. They will not require their outdoor kit, but instead must wear correct uniform and bring an apron for their cookery session. If you have not yet sent in your £3.50 contribution towards these cookery sessions (Reception to Y3) please do so on the first day back.

## Snowman Badges

Once again we must send huge thanks to Mrs Ryan and Mrs Roads for their time and effort spent making enough snowman badges for all children (and staff!). They were issued in class and worn to the pantomime yesterday, which added to the uniform festive look!

## After School Activities

There will be no after school activities taking place during the first week of term. Clubs will resume the week commencing January 11<sup>th</sup> unless otherwise stated.



## Y3 & Y4 Reading

Next term, children in Years 3 & 4 will be reading Iron Man, by Ted Hughes. Although we have a few copies at school it would be appreciated if children could have their own copy. They may want to add it to a Christmas list! But we ask that they don't read it ahead of the rest of the class.

## PTA News

Huge thanks must go to all members of the PTA for the amazing work they have done this term, which has resulted in raising over £5000 since September! Without their hard work and the continued support of all parents this could never happen. Below is a breakdown of amounts raised and expenditure, so you can see how the children benefit from all your generosity

### Raised

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| Bonfire night:         | £1,231 |
| Xmas raffle:           | £730   |
| Refreshments at plays: | £230   |
| Safari supper:         | £400   |
| Giving machine:        | £18    |
| Lottery:               | £420   |
| Bazaar:                | £800   |
| Ice cream Friday:      | £557   |
| Tea towels             | £540   |
| Children's raffle:     | £81    |
| Christmas cards        | £200   |

### Expenditure

|                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Coaches                  | £3000 |
| Educational visit        | £180  |
| Class Christmas presents | £300  |
| KS1 Christmas party      | £195  |

**"Well done and thank you everyone!!"**

## Raffles

There were lots of very happy children during Wednesday's assembly when the Children's Raffle was drawn! Thanks go to Emma Purbrick and all the PTA helpers for organising the Children's Raffle and Christmas Draw. There was a lovely selection of prizes and great excitement in the hall! The main raffle was drawn during the Christmas performance on Tuesday evening. All winners should by now have received their prizes, or had a message to say there is a prize to collect from school.

The winners in the Children's raffle were: Thomas Choules, Harry Magot, Jack Chapman, Lucy Jenkins, Mary-Jane Jeans, Rosalie Gates, Joshua Gould, Ishaan Shegunshi, Christopher France, Ruby Brazenell-James, Casie-Jade Saunders, Ellouise Iverson, Jack Noble, Matthew Joyce, Toby Evans, Libby Usher, Imogen Ward, Lilly Bennett, Phillip Moisey-Gray, Luke Evans, Charlie Benwell, Tallulah Cotgrave, Izzy Lawrence and Kaila Ryan. Well done, we hope you enjoy your prizes!

## End of Term Awards

Each term certificates are awarded to children, known as the Governor's Award. One child in each class receives the award, having been chosen by class members as one who always sets an example of good behaviour and polite manners. This term the recipients are Roy Brentnall, Grace Stevens, Tom Peel, Max Cooke, Tilly Forrest, Alice Godfrey, Immy Ward, Connie Foy and Oliver Smale-Woolhead. The overall Governor's Award went to Connie Foy, who received a book token.

We also have a Citizenship Award which is awarded to children who have been particularly kind, considerate and helpful through the term. This term, this award goes to Jasmine Lee, Keeley Thorne, Ethan Wright, Charlotte Evans, Cameron Dallas, Toby Purbrick, Jack Noble, Isabel Tucker and Abbie Cleaver.

There were also certificates issued for Improvers in each class. Well done and congratulations to all!



## Parenting Courses

Being a parent can be a tough job at times! Did you know that Bucks CC run a range of Parenting Courses? They give you the chance to meet with other parents who are going through similar things as well as the opportunity to receive expert advice from a trained facilitator. These courses are free and are for parents of children of all ages and abilities. Further information can be found on the Buckinghamshire Family Information Service website.

## Parking

We would once again like to advise parents of the necessity of considerate use of the school car park. Between 8.20am and 8.50am and 3pm – 3.30pm there is no access to the car park except for drivers with blue badges or for using the drop off zone, which is not a parking area, even if dropping children at Little Acorns. Please do not block in cars at any time without advising the school office of your registration number and reason for parking. Misuse of the car park is being monitored. You are reminded that if you are driving, you should allow time to park away from the school and walk to remaining distance. Everyone is reminded that they are to use the pedestrian gate not the driveways to enter or leave the premises. We appreciate your cooperation.



## Attendance

This term the class with the best attendance since September is Y2, with 98.5%! Well done. The other classes were as follows:

|            |       |
|------------|-------|
| YR Ash     | 95.2% |
| YR Beech   | 96.9% |
| Y1 Cedar   | 95.0% |
| Y3 Holly   | 95.1% |
| Y4 Oak     | 96.2% |
| Y4 Pine    | 97.6% |
| Y5 Redwood | 96.5% |
| Y6 Willow  | 96.6% |

It is really important that children attend school every day and arrive punctually.

## Term Dates for 2016

|        | Start at 8.45am               | Close at 3.15pm         |
|--------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Spring | <b>Tuesday 5 January 2016</b> | Friday 12 February 2016 |
|        | Monday 22 February 2016       | Thursday 24 March 2016  |
| Summer | Tuesday 12 April 2016         | Friday 27 May 2016      |
|        | Monday 6 June 2016            | Thursday 21 July 2016   |

Term dates can always be found for two years in advance on the Bucks CC website.

**Happy Christmas Everyone!**

