



Friday 14th December 2018

Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a super couple of weeks we've had since our last newsletter. We were thoroughly entertained by EYFS and KS1 children with some wonderful Christmas songs and stories throughout last week. The PTA provided mince pies and Christmas trees and decorations went up all around school. Thank you children and staff in Language Base, EYFS and KS1 for your super efforts and enthusiasm, it was a joy to see and hear your songs, actions delivered with confidence and huge smiles. Many thanks also to the family members who filled the hall and gave lots of encouragement during the performances.

We had a special visitor to the school on the 11th December, not the one with the white beard and red outfit, but one of Her Majesties Inspectors from Ofsted. You will receive a report shortly with the outcomes of the visit and judgement of the school. We very much enjoyed sharing our learning with the Inspector and the improvements we have made since the last inspection. We have shared our current development plans and plans for the future. Thank you to those who completed Parent View and contributed your opinions of the school, this is always useful and appreciated.

On behalf of the staff and governors of LHPSN, I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas. We look forward to working in partnership with you again in 2019.

Miss A Salisbury



Attendance Award

KS1

1SH - 98.6%

KS2

5AB - 98.5%

LHPSN Wow News

EYFS and PTA did a fabulous job of raising more money for school with refreshments at the EYFS productions and a beautiful hamper. This was won by Mrs. Helen Townsend, who has decided to donate it Catshill Foodbank. Thank you Mrs. Townsend.



Healthy Snacks

A reminder that we try to encourage healthy snacks at morning break for KS2. For example fruit, flavored rice cake and vegetable sticks.



Miss S's Golden Book Stars



Ariyana G - 3AS - Excellent column subtraction

3HC - Pen Licences

Izzy
Scarlett
Kassaye

Isabella C - A fabulous Sarcophagus model

Imogen P (6CW) - A very well written prayer for the carol concert.

KS2 Carol Singers for entertaining the residents at Longbridge Retirement Village with their carol singing.

Additional News Box

Reminder: After Christmas the children will need to return with their winter games kit, including tracksuit trousers and top as the weather is cold, and they do go outside. Please make sure kit is labelled.

Dates for the Diary

- 20.12.18 - Christmas Dinner - Whole School
- 20.12.18 - Christmas Parties - Whole School - Christmas Jumper/Party Clothes
- 21.12.18 - Break Up for Christmas
- 07.01.18 - TED Day
- 08.01.18 - Children back to school



What have we been up to this fortnight?



EYFS

Another busy few weeks in Reception. The children worked so hard on their 'Songs around the Christmas tree' performances and were amazing. A big well done to every one of them. We are now in full on Christmas mode and busily helping our very own Elf, Tim Blizzard get ready for Christmas. We're making gift labels wrapping paper, and cards, which we have been able to send from our post office. I'm sure he will agree the children all deserve to be placed on the good list this year!

The children in Nursery really enjoyed the Christmas craft activity morning, especially having their parents in Nursery. They were very busy making Christmas tree decorations, snowmen and stockings to hang on the fireplace. Thank you to all of the parents who joined us, we hope you had fun!

KS1

In year one we have learnt all about the Great Fire of London. We found out it started in a bakery in Pudding Lane and lasted for four days. We learnt that there were no fire engines but people used water squirter and leather buckets to put out the fire. In Literacy we used conjunctions, full stops and capital letters to write about our learning.

Year 1, LB1 and Y2 put on a fantastic Christmas performance last week. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. They performed to 140 adults each time. The children were confident with their lines and sang the songs beautifully - we're all really proud of them.



KS2

This term, Year 4 have had the privilege of being taught in their music lessons by specialist music teachers from Severn Arts. 4SR have been learning how to play the ukulele and 4LH have been learning how to play the flute. In February both classes will perform their music in a concert called 'Fame' and all of our year 4 parents are invited to watch it! So please put it in your diaries: Wednesday 13th February 9.30 am - 10.15 am. We are looking forward to seeing you all there!

In Year 2 this week we've been re-telling the story of the 3 Billy Goats Gruff. In maths we've moved onto a new unit about measures. This week we're focusing on length; measuring the length of objects around school in metres and centimetres.

Language Base 1

LB1 have been exploring the South Pole in their role play area this week based around the text by Oliver Jeffers 'Lost and Found'. The story is all about a penguin, who a boy thought was lost, when actually all he needed was a friend. The children have been reflecting on their own thoughts, how to be a kind friend and how to make people feel welcome.

Language Base 2

LB2 have been thinking about chocolate! The children have been writing persuasive letters to try and convince the teachers why their favourite chocolate should be the chocolate of choice at the Christmas party. They certainly have fun tasting the chocolate... for research purposes only! The winner will be revealed at the Christmas party next week. This week the children in LB2 received a certificate and a card from Macmillan Cancer support to thank them for holding a bake sale/ coffee afternoon. They raised £153 and they loved hearing about how their efforts had made a difference. Once again, thank you all for your support.

Additional News

Please could parents remind grandparents and other relatives picking up children, that no dogs are allowed on site when picking up from the after-school sports clubs etc. Also, they should only park on the road as the overspill car park is for the Hive only.

Many Thanks. Miss Lynch.

News from the Hive



Well done to the children who made it on to the "Top Table" last week! We have been making our Christmas decorations and opening our advent calendars every morning and afternoon! We are all very excited for our Christmas party on the last day of term - that will be so much fun! Miss Lynch.