



Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery

Friday 6TH December 2019

Dear Parent/Carers

Many thanks to the many families who donated and supported the super Christmas Fayre on Saturday 30th. It was lovely to meet, greet and welcome so many of you to the fayre, as well as sell a few raffle tickets! Clare Millward, PTA Chair has shared the record breaking funds raised in her article below. On behalf of all staff, governors and families at LHPSN, I sincerely thank Claire and the hard working PTA volunteers for the amazing job they do: putting everyone's ideas in action and making things happen! As we find ourselves already in Advent, the seasonal celebrations at LHPSN are really starting to come together. KS1 are practising hard for the Wriggly Nativity and EYFS have started to learn Christmas songs and actions to share with you around the Christmas tree. We look forward to welcoming family members to join with us and celebrate Christmas during these events - please see the school website for times and dates and check your parent mail app for further information coming from teachers.

KS2 have already been performing around the community, Caitlyn (6CW) has written a piece below about Singing Club's visit to Lickey Church which started our school festivities and last night they sang again at St. Chads in Rubery. Miss Williams and Mrs Williams had arranged for Singing Club to join with Waseley Hills High School choir and what a pleasure it was to see so many of our pupils (and ex-pupils now at WHS) performing harmonies and Christmas songs so beautifully. There were many compliments about their excellent behaviour, singing and enthusiasm of our pupils, the staff and I were incredibly proud of them and our talented music lead, Miss Williams who joined us as a Y6 teacher last year.

The Christmas post boxes are now out around school; please ensure any cards sent have full names and classes on so that our Y6 helping hands ambassadors can deliver them to the correct classrooms.

I look forward to seeing you over the next few weeks at our celebratory events.

Miss A. L. Salisbury



Attendance Award

KS1
LB1 - 100%

KS2
5MS - 99%



Singing club

On the 1st of December we attended a Christmas service at Lickey Church with the Christmas Singing Club. We sung 'Kusimama' and 'Hallelujah'. It was arranged by Mrs and Miss Williams (and Santa of course). Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part and Santa came to visit. We also had a piano accompanist and the Blackwell Concert band played a few Christmas songs. It sounded beautiful. After the service, we took a walk to the Christmas tree to switch it on. The lights were stunning.

By Caitlin B, 6CW.

Book Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who brought a book from the Book Fair. With your purchases we will be able to purchase some amazing books for our school. Thanks to all the students that helped Mrs Garvey; Callum T, Sammy C, Josh M.B, Brian M, Ella S.W, Katie May P, Kiki W

Reading help

KS1 would really like some parents to hear children read. Can anyone give up a little bit of afternoon time to come in to help us please? Grown-ups would need to be DBS checked and would be asked to hear readers from a class that does not contain their own child. Please let class teachers know if you can help.

Reminders

A little reminder, please ensure that your children are not bringing cards, like Pokémon or Match Attack, into school as they create tremendous upset when cards get lost or swapped. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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All paperwork should be returned via the school post boxes and not through children's book bags.

Golden Book Stars

Brooke K(3HC)

London(5MS)

Ethan L(6CW)

Lucas W (6CW)

Hannah(5MS)

Isabella C(4CM)

Ewan B (6CW)

Sophie F (6CW)

James E(RHB)

Arham B(6CW)

Kiki W (6CW)

Indybella P (RJR)

Alex B (6CW)

Isobel F (6CW)

William B (RJR)

Stanley K (RJR)

Joshua D(6CW)

Caitlin B (6CW)

Luca S (4CM)

Otis B (6CW)

Eva H (6CW)

Thomas P (6CW)



Dates For Dairy

10.12.19 - Planetarium Visit Year 3 & 5

12.12.19 - Songs around the Christmas tree

13.12.19 - Songs around the Christmas tree

16.12.19 - Wriggly Nativity

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18.12.19 - Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas dinner

19.12.19 - Pantomime

20.12.19 - Achievement Awards

What have we been up to this fortnight?

KS1

Nursery

This week, Nursery have been getting into the Christmas spirit with lots of festive activities including making salt dough decorations for the tree, reindeer handprint cards, paper chain making, Christmas wrapping and melted snowman biscuits! We are practising hard for our songs around the Christmas tree performance next week and have been very excited by the arrival of Santa's sleigh in the classroom this morning!

Reception

What a busy few weeks it has been. An elf has appeared in Reception and has been watching over us each day. I'm sure he will be pleased with the hard work children are making segmenting and blending sounds and adding using our tens frame. We have also set up a workshop and post office to help him with the Christmas preparations, designing and wrapping gifts and paper and getting them ready to post.

YR1

Year 1 took a trip down Pudding Lane on Sunday 2nd September 1666. They collected adjectives to describe the Great Fire of London using their senses. In class we listened to a crackling fire, considered how people might have felt and looked carefully at images. We used all of this knowledge to write a diary entry just like Samuel Pepys!

YR2

Ever wondered how to survive a fairy tale? It's a dangerous place to be, what with all the big bad wolves, poisoned apples, witches, trolls and ugly sisters! Well never fear - Year 2 are here! Our children have been writing detailed instructions to guide you safely on your way, incorporating super writing skills and grammatical techniques such as adverbs, adjectives and subordinate conjunctions. So should you find yourself faced with a tricky situation - ask a Year 2 - they'll be happy to help!

KS2

YR3

On Friday 22nd November, Year 3 went on a trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. We had a mummification workshop where we learnt how to mummify a body, and about what the Ancient Egyptians thought about life after death. We also had the chance to look around other parts of the museum, such as the art galleries, and the Staffordshire Hoard. My favourite part of the day was the mummification workshop - we learnt lots about the Ancient Egyptians and it was a really fun day! By Anna N 3AS

Language Base

LB1

LB 1 have continued with their learning into celebrations from around the world. We are now looking at the nativity and working hard with mainstream classes to rehearse for the forthcoming nativity shows.

LB2

LB 2 have been continuing with their exploration of "The Twits" by Roald Dahl as well as getting to grips with subtraction in Numeracy.

As a Language Base, we have been learning how to sign two popular Christmas songs - one in preparation for an online performance linked to Worcestershire Speech and Language and the other, a piece for the end of term Christmas songs. Please keep your eye out for news of both performances. We will keep you informed of when the online song is uploaded.

PTA NEWS

The PTA are thrilled to report a record breaking fundraising amount from Saturday's Christmas Fayre of £1,398.60. This was over £400 more than last year.

A huge thank you to both our amazing volunteers and all the parent's for the fabulous donations and prizes.

The event was a huge success with a lovely community feel and got everyone in the Christmas mood, apparently we're all on Santa's good list!

I hope you'll join us at our next breakfast meeting in the New Year Friday 17th January at 9 am in the bungalow.

Wishing you and your families a safe and Merry Christmas.

Hive News

Well what a lovely start to December we are having..... The children are enjoying making their Christmas decorations ready for their trees at home. We have been busy doing and making all sorts of wonderful Christmas creations and trying new Christmassy foods (Christmas tree crumpets, mince pies and yule logs). The advent calendar has been a big hit, making an appearance two times per day! We have had our last "Top Table" of the year, well done to the 30 children who have made it this week!

Have a great weekend, Miss Lynch

