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Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery – School Newsletter

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

This week's total school attendance is 90.7%



Dear Families,

A whole term...

A term that has contained visitors to school and trips to exciting places. A term that has seen awards being given, prizes being earned and immeasurable amounts of learning! This school is a busy one. There literally isn't a day without something going on and this week alone is testament to that: we've seen awards assemblies, achievements out of school being celebrated, special lunches, pantomimes, visits off site and continued hard work and dedication from the most committed staff team imaginable.

A school is a representation of the community which it serves and that is why this one is such a good one. Thank you all for all that you do to support our work and we look forward to further exciting developments in 2024.

Thank you all for making me so welcome and I think now is officially the point that I'm not allowed to mention being 'new' anymore. I want to take this opportunity to wish you all the happiest and most restful festive break possible and I look forward to seeing you all again next term, recharged and ready to do it all again!

Merry Christmas,

Mr. D. Dathan  
Headteacher



### Year 6 Spanish Event

The Year 6 children were very lucky to be invited to Waseley Hills High School to take part in a Spanish event. When they arrived, they had an introduction into Spanish phonics which they then applied to a range of activities. Over the course of the afternoon, the children took part in a Spanish vocabulary game where they had to match the word to the correct Christmas item. They also translated some well-known book titles from Spanish to English and took part in a Spanish music quiz. One of the favourite activities however, was the food tasting, where the children tasted churros, bread and aioli and chocolate milk. The children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon!

Mrs. Trafford





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### Attwell Farm

The Nursery children had a magical time visiting Santa and his workshop at Attwell Farm Park bringing the story of 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' to life.

We wrote a letter to Santa and sprinkled it with magic sparkles and posted it to the North Pole; we decorated gingerbread men with buttercream, jelly tots and smarties; decorated Christmas decorations and made some reindeer food for Santa's reindeer. Next stop, we went to see the animals including Santa's reindeer, donkeys, lamas, pygmy goats, Aberdeen Angus calves, pot-bellied pigs and we saw lots of fluffy bunny rabbits.

Mrs. Virnuls



### **Vacancy – Lickey Hills Primary School**

We are looking for a catering assistant to work within our Catering Division at Lickey Hills Primary School

The successful candidate will be cheerful and organised and will work well as part of the school community.

Duties include lunch production, serving pupils, allergy management, cleaning duties and due diligence.

The position is subject to an enhanced DBS check and Safer Recruitment interview questions.

16 hours a week Temporary Position January to June Maternity Cover & with the view of moving into a General Assistance Role. Monday to Friday, term time only.

Experience in a similar role would be an advantage, but a flexible approach with a positive attitude and a smile is what we are looking for.

If this is of interest to you or you have any questions please contact – [thomas.bray@sodexo.com](mailto:thomas.bray@sodexo.com)

### **Mr. Dathan's Golden Book Stars**

Sam P, Annabel C, Charles S, Stanley R, Jacob B (4HR)

Martha S, Alba, William A (6CW)

Phoebe F, Constance T, Isla C, Bella R, Imogen T (5HM)

Lexie B, Amelia W (5JL)

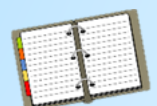
Keira H, (6AS)

Rufus E (2BT)



### **Date for Diary's**

- 8.1 – TED Day (School closed)
- 9.1 – Back to school
- 10.1 – New Parent School Tour
- 15.1 – Cut off date for Nursery & Reception Applications
- 19.1 – Y4 trip to Think Tank
- 19.1 – Wellbeing Drop in Session





### Year 6 Reading & Writing Ambassadors

The Year 6 Reading and Writing ambassadors have created a book list exclusively for you to read over the holidays! These will make brilliant stocking fillers/ new year gifts for you to enjoy either independently or with your families. We hope you enjoy their suggestions!

<b><u>EYFS:</u></b> Tad - Benji Davies Super Duper You! - Sophie Henn The Leaf Thief - Alice Hemming Pip and Egg - Alex Latimer	<b><u>Year 1:</u></b> The Bear and the Piano - David Litchfield I Can Only Draw Worms - Will Mabbitt Smile Out Loud - Joseph Coelho & Daniel Gray-Barnett Iceberg - Claire Saxby & Jess Racklyeft
<b><u>Year 2:</u></b> The Fixer of Broken Things - Julia Patton An Alien in The Jam Factory - Chrissie Sains & Jenny Taylor Einstein The Penguin - Iona Rangeley & David Tazzyman An Emotional Meagerie - The School of Life	<b><u>Year 3:</u></b> Kid Normal - Greg James & Chris Smith The Boy Who Grew Dragons - Andy Shepherd & Sara Ogilvie Leonora Bolt - Lucy Brandt & Gladys Jose The Street Beneath My Feet - Charlotte Guillian & Yuval Zommer
<b><u>Year 4:</u></b> There's A Werewolf in My Tent - Pamela Butchart & Thomas Flintham The Girl Who Stole An Elephant - Nizrana Farook, The Boy At The Back Of The Class - Onjali Q. Rauf, The Big Book Of The UK - Imogen Russell Williams & Louise Lockhart	<b><u>Year 5:</u></b> Jazz Santos v The World - Priscilla Mante, Alex Neptune Dragon Thief - David Owen & George Ermos Being Me - Liz Brownlee, Matt Goodfellow, Laura Mucha & Victoria Jane Wheeler Factopia! - Kate Hale & Andy Smit
<b><u>Year 6:</u></b> Like A Charm - Elle McNicoll Holes - Louis Sachar, Malamander - Thomas Taylor, Shackleton's Journey - William Grill	<b>For more wonderful recommendations, visit:</b> <a href="https://www.booksfortopics.com/ages/">https://www.booksfortopics.com/ages/</a> <a href="https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/">https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/</a>

Miss. Williams

Year 6 Teacher

Reading and Music Curriculum Lead





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### Year 1 & LB1 Cinema Trip

Year 1 and LB1 had such a fabulous time at the cinema on Wednesday. We went to watch a Christmas film to get us into the spirit of Christmas and wow, did we feel festive afterwards! We really enjoyed sitting with our friends, eating our sweets and enjoying the magic of Christmas. With that, the Year 1 Team would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2024. We are really looking forward to more fun and lots of learning in Year 1 in the new year, see you all then!

Miss. Bate



### The Wriggly Nativity

What a wonderful week of productions of The Wriggly Nativity by KS1 we have had this week! Over the last few weeks the children have worked incredibly hard to learn lines, songs, stage directions and dances to create simply beautiful shows for parents, carers and staff and children across school.

During their performances to school, their Matinée and evening shows, the children sang their hearts out to really get us into a festive spirit and remind us of the Christmas story. Thank you so much to all of our staff who pulled this treat together, to the children and to their grown-ups at home who provided super costumes.

KS1. Team





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### New Music Provider - Summer Term 2024

SUMMER TERM AT LICKEY HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL  
WWW.PROMUSICTUITION.COM



FOR INFO ON LESSONS PLEASE EMAIL  
INFO@PROMUSICTUITION.COM

### Spanish Club

The KS1 children have been busy celebrating Christmas in Spanish this week! The Year 1 children have written letters to the three kings and the Year 2 children made 'comecocos' using Spanish Christmas vocabulary. Feliz navidad prospero año y felicidad!

Mrs. Trafford

### Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you so much for your kind donations to Save the Children this week for our Christmas Jumper Day. The children all looked fabulous and we raised an amazing £314!

Mrs. Bowen

### LHPSN Star Writers

Star  
Writer!

Harley H - LB1

Orla K - 5HM

Isla C 2SW



### Carol Concert

Our key stage 2 pupils really enjoyed their Christmas Carol Concert at Lickey Church. They all sang beautifully and the glockenspiel club enjoyed playing their instruments. Well done to everyone who sang, played an instrument or read a reading. Merry Christmas to all!

Mrs. Page

## We Are A Nut Free School & Kitchen

Our "Nut-Free Policy" means that the following items should NOT be brought into school:

- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nuts
- Any home cooked meals for packed lunches that are made from nuts

