



December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow! December really has flown by! This half term has been so busy but so full of fun for the children. We have had a wonderful visit from the Pop Project which was focused on 'Feeling Good' in mind, body and spirit! Year 6 enjoyed a talk from Tim Coltman about his great-grandfather William Coltman VC and his achievements in WW1. Year 5 visited Grange Church to learn more about what Christmas means to Christians whilst Year 4 enjoyed an exciting day at Techniquet. Year 3 have been very busy preparing for their Christmas performance!

Reward Playtime

Last Monday, the winning house for the term enjoyed an extra- long, additional playtime with a variety of activities taking place both in the hall and outside. All the children have been excelling themselves in earning house points this term and it really was very close! Each House earned in excess of 10,000 points! Wow! However, the winning team for this term was **St David's**, who earned a massive **10,763** house points for all their hard work this term! Well done St David's!



Charities



Over the course of the term, there have been numerous children across the school designing and running their own competitions for local charities. They have given up so much of their time and have had some really lovely ideas. We know that they have also been given help behind the scenes from parent/carers and would like to say thank you for this. We are so proud of them and the way in which they care so much about others is a real credit to you.

We have also raised a substantial amount of money from various non-uniform /dress up days over the term including £305 for Children in Need, £185.71 for Save the Children National Christmas Jumper Day and £294.60 for the Spider- Edie appeal. I know it can sometimes feel like there is a lot going on and lots of different requests but we really are very grateful for your overwhelming support with these charities this term.

Year 3 Christmas Performance

The Year 3 children were definitely 'Christmas Stars' this year and shone out during their Christmas performances. There were lots of laughs and a few teary eyes (including my own) during the shows and we were so proud of them all. A huge thank you again to all the Year 3 staff who helped to organise this for us. Your donations after the show also raised an amazing £164.89 for Claire House so thank you once again for your generosity with this.





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The '12 Days of Christmas' raffle



All our prizes have now been drawn and we hope there are some very happy winners. It was lovely to spread it over the 12 days and give each class the responsibility of drawing out a winner each day. Thank you to the PTA for all their hard work organising this.

School Discos

Last week, all the children had the opportunity to attend a Christmas Disco for their year group. The children had lots of fun -as did the staff and PTA members who were made to participate a little more than usual!! We hope to have further discos over the course of the year. Thank you to all who gave up their time to organise these and help on the night. We wouldn't be able to run them without you!



ParentMail

Thank you to those who have already signed up to ParentMail. Although we are currently still sending emails through our existing system, in the new year we will gradually be looking to move completely over to the ParentMail system for emails and texts. We are hoping that this will mean less missed communications etc. as everything from our school will be in one place and won't get mixed in with other emails you may receive.



School re opens on **Tuesday 8th January**. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year, please have your child in school for a prompt 9.00 a.m. start to our new school term.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to say a massive thank you for all the cards, presents and kind wishes that we have received and wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Thank you as always for your continuing support.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs S Calveley
Acting Headteacher

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