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Principal's Message

Another term has almost come to an end. I'm sure that you are all looking forward to the Christmas break as much as I am and taking the time to relax and enjoy this festive season with your family and friends.

The run up to Christmas is always busy in school : the EYFS & KS1 performances were both fantastic. The children did so well learning all of their song words and it was great to welcome so many of you to watch your children shine.

All of the children have had a class party and games in the hall.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Liz Latham



Leavers and New Beginners

We are sorry to say goodbye to: Mr Plant, Mrs Dempster and Mrs Handford-Glaze who will be leaving us at the end of term. We wish them all lots of luck for their future.

We are also pleased to welcome our new teachers:

Miss Ghera, Mrs Sorg-Malyon and Miss Neary who will join our Queensmead family in January, I'm sure that you will welcome them as you have myself.

Attendance so far....

Our target for this year is 96% in line with the Government's recommendation. We are aiming to achieve this every week and encourage you to help us!

Overall, attendance to date is 96.4% - Well Done everyone!

The class with the highest attendance is Anne Fine with 98.2% - Fantastic!

Well done everyone and let's see if we can keep it up.

Mrs Hextall 30 Yr celebration surprise!

We held a special surprise assembly to celebrate her 30 years at Queensmead. Mrs Hextall received an award for wiping the most



noses, a signed Leicester Tigers T-shirt and more along with all of the lovely messages that parents, carers, staff and all of the children wrote. Thank you to all of the parents and carers that left messages and gifts for Mrs Hextall.

Honours Awards – Autumn 2

*Rod Campbell - Charlie
Sue Hendra - Annalise
Julia Donaldson - Peter
Mini Grey - Riley
Eric Carle - Ellie
Shirley Hughes - Isabella
Valerie Thomas - Evie
Anne Fine - Billy
AA Milne - Patryk
Chris Van Allsburg - Tyrone
Dick King Smith - Alfie
CS Lewis - John
Phillip Pullman - Katlego
Michael Morpurgo - Corey-Taylor
Anthony Horowitz - Ellie-May*

For the consistently high quality of work in Mathematics throughout the Autumn Term.

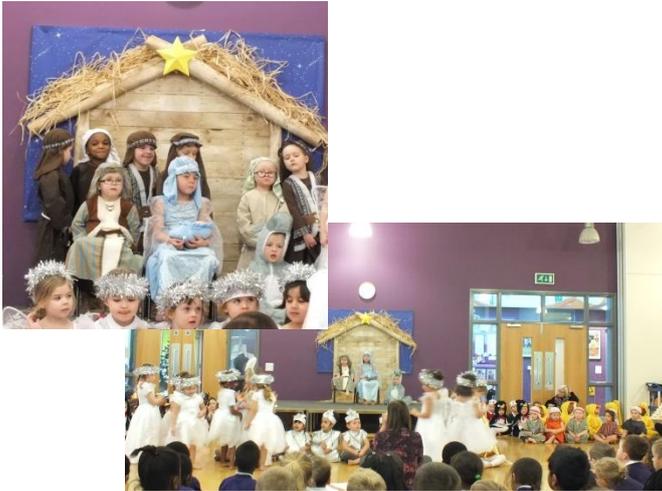


Termly Attendance Winners

61 children achieved 100% attendance this term and received a certificate and a bookmark. Well done to all of you. Two lucky winners will be picked out of a hat during assembly this afternoon to win a tablet. Let's try and get more of you in the draw next term.

Christmas Nativities

Last week was a very busy week with the EYFS Nativities and KS1 performances of Marys Knitting. The children all performed amazingly and we are extremely proud of all of them.



Winter Fair

We were visited by a number of special guests at this years winter fair. Spiderman showed us some of his skills and Elsa serenaded us with some lovely songs. Children were also given the opportunity to have their pictures taken with them. Father Christmas also made a special appearance in his Grotto along with Clifford the Big Red Dog. The choir also performed Christmas Carols. Thank you to all of you that attended our Winter Fair last Friday, we raised £602.



Next Years focus

Next year we will be focusing on the safe parking around the Academy especially Hamelin Road, I would like to remind all of you that we have the kind permission of Braunstone Leisure Centre to use their car park for pick ups and drop off. Our main priority as always is the safety of our children.

Snow Closures Info

Thank you to all of the parents and carers that ensured that their children were in school during the recent snowy weather. It is very important that your children attend school whenever we are open. Information will be sent to parents via a Groupcall text message in the event of any closure, therefore it is even more important that we have all of the correct contact information for you. If any of your details have changed please inform the office at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

The Academy re-opens to children on Tuesday 9th January 2018.

Merry Christmas