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Principal's Message

We want our school to be a place where we are safe: to learn, have fun and work hard. A place where we are kind and mindful of everyone and have positive attitudes for our bright futures.

Only 2 weeks left until we break up - it's been a very long Autumn term this year with lots going on in school- many tired faces today from our amazing choir who sang on stage at the De Montfort Hall last night in a massed children's choir- see details below! Please do check this newsletter and the website for updates on important events over the next 2 weeks and beyond.

Liz Latham



Advance Warning!

We are very excited about the Academy's IT systems being updated so that they are able to cope with the demands of the digital age. We need to inform you that during the week beginning 21st January there will be no phones or way of contacting the Academy other than coming into school. This is because all our technology has to be re-routed. Be assured that safeguarding systems will be covered and that we will be able to contact you as usual in an emergency. Please watch the website for more updates about this.

Christmas Fair next Friday!

Next Friday is our fantastic Christmas Fair - we would love to see you in school from 3.30-4.30pm. As usual we will be visited by a 'special visitor'



- Father Christmas who will be in his grotto. Other stalls will include a tombola, raffle, toy and book stall, cakes and bric-a-brac. We really need your help to make this a success - any donations of raffle prizes, baked goods, bric-a-brac or toys and books will be gratefully received - please have a look over the weekend for donations to bring in any morning before school next week to the office. All proceeds will go to our library fund to buy new books. Thanks

Year 6 Beaumanor Hall WWII day



On Tuesday this week, year 6 pupils enjoyed a day at Beaumanor Hall for a World War II experience. They were evacuated in their period costumes complete with labels around their necks and spent the day completing a variety of activities including an air raid. During this they sang Christmas Carols to keep their spirits up and even had a visit from Santa! Please see the website for more pictures.

Attendance

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 let's keep this up.

The class with the highest attendance is Valerie Thomas & Michael Morpurgo with 98% - Well Done.

The class with the most improved attendance is Rod Campbell with 91.9% up by 9.3%.

Well done everyone, let's see if we can do better next week.

De Montfort Hall choir.



Last night our brilliant Year 5 and 6 choir went to the De Montfort Hall to sing in the Lord Mayor's Christmas Concert. There were over 300 children on stage from different city primary schools who all sang their hearts out through a 'winter-themed' set of songs. We were able to watch other performers during the first half of the concert including a full orchestra as well as Japanese drumming and steel pans. Well done to all the pupils and thanks to parents who attended a great night out!



Parents Exercise Class

Please be aware that the exercise classes run by Mr Gordon on Monday/

Tuesday and Wednesday from 9.00 - 9.30am are now cancelled due to low/no attendance. We are more than happy to start these again in the new year after the Christmas indulgencies if you request it! Please let us know if you are interested in these starting again.

Class assembly dates:

Here are the class assembly dates for you to plan ahead! Class assemblies are always on a Wednesday at 2.50pm in the main hall.

Aaron Becker
Roger Hargreaves
Colin Thompson
Valerie Thomas
Oliver Jeffers

16th January
30th January
13th February
6th March
20th March

Eric Carle
Mini Grey
F2 Joint Class Assembly
Rod Campbell

3rd April
8th May
12th June
w/c 24th June

Dates for your diaries:

EYFS Performance to Parents	11 th December
EYFS Performance to Parents	12 th December
Christmas Dinner	12 th December
Family Festive Pom Pom	13 th December
Christmas Jumper/Sparkle Day	14 th December
Winter Fair	14 th December
KS1 Performance to Parents	18 th December
KS1 Performance to Parents	19 th December
School to visit the church	21 st December

Royal Visit to Leicester City Football Club

On Wednesday 28th November, their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, visited Leicester City Football Club to pay tribute to the victims of the helicopter accident on Saturday 27th October. The Club Chairman, Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha, was among the 5 people who tragically lost their lives. In the days following the tragedy, thousands of tributes were laid outside the stadium. The Club asked for volunteers to help relocate the tributes prior to Leicester's home fixture against Burnley. A member of Queensmead staff who is a season ticket holder and long-standing fan, volunteered to help. She was both surprised and delighted to receive an unexpected invitation from the football club to attend the royal visit. She had a brief chat and shook hands with both the Duke and Duchess.

'It was an absolute privilege to be invited to such a special occasion and the memories of meeting our future King will certainly stay with me'

