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**Believe, Achieve, Together We Succeed**

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**Nativities and Christmas Performances**

We have enjoyed so many wonderful festive activities across school with Christmas beginning early in December as we started the rehearsals for Reception's 'Our First Nativity' and Year 2's 'No one Wraps Like an Elf' Nativity. It was so lovely to see the packed halls for the actual performances! Year 1's Christmas singalong was also enjoyed by many parents and carers, and the Year 3 children performed beautifully at the church earlier this week. Thank you for joining us in the run up to Christmas and sharing these special moments with your children.



Our choir children have spread much festive cheer across our community throughout December as they sang at the Hagley Christmas Lights Switch On and took part in several events where they sang for the elderly in our local area.

As we are so proud of the children's hard work, dedication and beautiful performances, we were delighted to celebrate with them all during their Christmas parties yesterday, which included a special visit from Santa Claus.

**Online Safety**

If your child(ren) will be receiving iPads, mobile phones, computers or game consoles for Christmas, please remember to set your parental locks to maximise online safety.

The NSPCC have useful guides, which can be found [here](#)



**Year 2 Polar Express Experience**

Year 2 enjoyed a day in their pyjamas at school on Friday! Throughout the day they enjoyed reading the Polar Express story and participating in activities linked to the book. As a lovely additional treat for the children, they sat together to watch the film with chocolate milk and a biscuit!



**Attendance**

**Our whole school attendance for the academic year so far is: 95.8%**

Below are the attendance figures from the last two weeks:

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Cygnets	93.7	Kingfishers	96.7	Larks	96.7
Goslings	96.7	Wrens	96.7	Cranes	96
Ducklings	96.5	Flamingos	97.8	Storks	93.2
Puffins	90.3	Toucans	91.3	Herons	97.3
Penguins	95.2	Macaws	94.8	Ospreys	95.3
Pelicans	93.3	Nightingales	97.5	Hawks	93.2
Robins	90.8	Finches	90.3	Eagles	92.7

**Our ACE Values**

**Academic**

- Being Resilient
- Being Conscientious
- Being Creative

**Community**

- Being Responsible
- Being Respectful
- Being Inclusive

**Emotional Wellbeing**

- Being Reflective
- Being Courageous
- Being Kind



### Reminders

Please see below for useful reminders:

- ◆ **Teacher Education Day:** Please remember school is closed to pupils on Monday 8th January 2024.
- ◆ **Labelled Clothing:** Please can we ask you to ensure coats, jumpers and other outer wear is clearly labelled with your child's name.

### Term Dates

- ⇒ Our Teacher Education Days (TEDs) this year are: **Monday 8th January, Friday 24th May and Monday 22nd July**
- ⇒ For the current academic year's term dates please click [here](#).
- ⇒ For Worcestershire County Council agreed term dates for upcoming years (without TEDs) please click [here](#).



### Reception to Year 4 Pantomimes

This year we arranged for Hurricane Productions to come into school on Wednesday 13th December to perform the story of 'Peter Pan', which was written by in-house script writers specifically for children of primary school age. The show was filled with comedy, magic, songs and audience participation in true pantomime tradition. It was wonderful to hear the children laughing and participating with Peter Pan, Tinkerbell, Captain Hook and all the other characters as they brought this pantomime to life.

### Year 5 Virtual Reality WW1 Experience

As part of their WW1 Topic, the children had an exceptional opportunity for a real life experience of life in the trenches during WW1 on Thursday 8th December. They were able to explore their surroundings with the support and guidance of the historical interpreter. As well as this, Year 5 were also able to handle artefacts from the war throughout the day. To add to this immersive experience, the children came to school dressed in traditional attire from the World War 1 era.



### Year 6 Residential to Ingestre Hall

From Monday 4th December to Friday 8th December, our Year 6 children were away at Ingestre Hall, which is their final residential while they are pupils at Hagley Primary School. This 400 year old Jacobean mansion provides a wonderful space for the children to join in with artistic activities of Drama, Art, Dance, Music and Animation. The children (and staff) had such a wonderful time and it has been lovely hearing the children discuss the week and the new experiences they enjoyed. We hope the children have made some wonderful memories to carry forward with them through the rest of their final primary school year and beyond!



### Applications for Reception 2024 Places

Please could we remind parents and carers that the deadline for Reception 2024 applications is fast approaching. The application for your child's school place **must** be received by Monday 15th January 2024.



# Merry Christmas

AND

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

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