

The end of a great term and looking forward to 2020



Christmas joy warms the heart

What a busy and exciting term it has been! Children and staff are enjoying the build up to the end of term and we have been treated to some wonderful performances by some of our youngest children in school.

Our Nursery children sang and danced their way through 'A Wiggley Nativity' confidently and beautifully. All of our Reception pupils performed 'A Little Nativity' which was wonderful. The children confidently sang and acted their way through their production. It was incredible to see our very youngest pupils taking to the stage like ducks to water and what a journey they have made since they started in September. With a sea of smiles for their parents, they really enjoyed taking part and the audience was given an early Christmas treat. The Reception Nativity was followed by the Key Stage 1 performance. Audiences were wowed with 'Lights, Camel and Action – A Strictly Nativity'. Once again, the children all showed how their confidence has grown this year and many took on speaking roles. Our Musical Theatre Club performed their Christmas show to the whole school which was fabulous. A huge thank you to the staff teams for producing such lovely performances for the children to enjoy.

We also held a hugely successful Winter Art Day on Tuesday 17th December. There were a range of activities from making peppermint creams and Christmas biscuits to decorated tea light jars and Christmas decorations. Nursery had their own art activities which they thoroughly enjoyed and the rest of the school were split up into different classes with children from Gold up to Year 6 in each one. They all loved it!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff, governors, PTA and parents for their effort and support throughout the term, and of course our wonderful children for all their hard work too.

This will be my last newsletter as your headteacher as I leave to take up a new headship but we also say goodbye to Mrs Skelton who leaves us this week. Mrs Skelton worked in Gold class before her maternity and she helped turn EYFS around with the children achieving the best EYFS results for the children and the school, this continues to go from strength to strength. She is currently Orange class teacher with Mrs Hewer. On behalf of Houghton Regis Primary School we sincerely wish Mrs Skelton our best wishes.

From January, Mrs Parmar will be your Acting Headteacher until a substantive headteacher is appointed. In Orange class, Mrs Consar will be replacing Mrs Skelton. Mrs Consar has worked at the school for 2 years and children know her. She will continue the excellent work in Orange class.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best wishes

Mrs B Waite
Headteacher

Upcoming events

January 2020

Friday 3rd – Staff INSET day

Monday 6th – Children return back to school

Thursday 23rd – Sapphire class assembly

Tuesday 28th – Red class and Y5 in Emerald class start swimming lessons

Thursday 30th – Yellow class assembly

February 2020

w/c 10th – History week

Monday 10th – Parent Curriculum workshop – History (9-10am)

Thursday 13th – Purple class assembly

Friday 14th – PTA Valentine's disco

Friday 14th – Mid-Term reports sent home

w/c 17th – Half term holiday

Monday 24th – school closed for staff training day

March 2020

Thursday 5th – World Book day – dress as a book character

w/c 9th – Science week, 'Our Diverse Planet'

Tuesday 10th – Parent Curriculum Workshop – Science (9-10am)



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to each and every one of you.