



16<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Dear Parents

You should be very proud of your children. The word 'giving' has been central in our thoughts during the last week of fun and festivity and every child has listened and thought about others and given very generously. Our Toy Assembly was an enormous success with some beautiful new and nearly new gifts donated by all of you which are now on their way to some very deserving causes carefully distributed by Oasis, the Charity based in Cobham.

Year 2 headed off to Linden House Residential Home for the elderly where they sang with gusto and entertained with a selection of their Nativity repertoire and also sang Christmas Carols which the residents joined in with bringing a smile to every face in the room. What made their visit particularly special were the handmade cards that each child made with a loving message personally addressed to each resident. Once they had performed, the children went to give their card and talk to the residents about their hopes and dreams of Christmas. Now that was really giving!

Your kindness in supporting our Charity, MERU has really made us smile. The grand total of the retiring collection kindly donated at the end of each Nativity performance last week amounted to £735.46. If you add the School Council's collection at the door of the Christmas Fair which was £325.98 and the lovely gesture of £15 made by the Year 2 parents following their Christmas meal you will see that, added to amounts raised earlier we now have a grand termly total of £1091.44 WOW!

On Wednesday it was our turn to give and we took 50 very excited Nursery and Pre-Nursery children to the theatre to see Santa Claus and the Christmas Adventure. Our children all enjoyed the experience and loved the super effects including bubbles and snow. That trip was made possible by all the wonderful parents and families that gave up their time to walk the children down safely. Thank you all.

If you had been here on Thursday and seen the Staff leading the children by acting and singing 'The 12 Days of Christmas' then you would have marvelled at the sight! What an incredible team of Staff. We are all so lucky to have such dedicated and delightful staff and on behalf of them all may I wish you a very merry Christmas and a wonderful season of fun. We look forward to seeing you in 2017.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher



When Santa met Sun Group

This Week's Merit Awards

Artie B, Fenton F, Frederick K, Baylen B, Ethan L, Rory B, Zac P, Sophie M, Jack D, Ebba R, Max T, Sophia M and Daisy H.

Congratulations to **Ahlberg House** for winning the term's Housepoint total with a stellar **1698** housepoints.



**Mathletics: Congratulations for Bronze Awards to: Joe C and Noah B. Silver awards were gained by Ethan L, Benji S and Lambert S. Congratulations to Ziyah O and Zahra K for achieving Gold.**

There are four types of Playground Panther. Patrol Panthers look out for rough play and intervene or report to an adult. Polite Panthers are kind and friendly and quick to involve others in their games. Playful Panthers think up exciting new games and encourage others to join in and Promising Panthers may have played roughly before but are now committed to gentle safer play. This week's Playground Panthers are: Caitlin D, Arabella B, Jack B, Daisy H and Jessica H.



**SPRING TERM STARTS ON WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY AT 8.30AM**



***We wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!***