13th December 2019

Dear Parents

As we close the term and indeed the year we can all reflect on just what a wonderful year we have had. The children have worked exceptionally hard and have impressed every one of the team with their courage, determination and talent!

Last week we all enjoyed the wonderful performances by the whole school in our nativity musical Mamma Mary and we were delighted to hear how much you enjoyed it too. Your generosity at the end of the productions meant that we raised a staggering £901.95 which has gone straight into the pot for our charity, the children’s Casey Ward at Epsom Hospital to be added to as the year continues. Thank you very much.

To continue the theme of giving, Year 2 headed to Linden House on Friday to sing Christmas Carols to the elderly residents and to talk to them about Christmas memories old and new. The children had already raised £152.50 for Epsom Hospital’s Medical Fund carols singing at the Ashley Centre, but the reprise of carols and a few ABBA numbers brought great joy to all involved. As the residents and children chatted the Christmas glow grew a little brighter and we want to say a special well done to every member of Year 2 for shining so brightly. Do read my Blog on the School website.

Ava in Year 2 was so moved by her visit to Linden House that upon winning a hamper in the School Fair Raffle he asked for it to be donated to her new ‘friends’ at Linden House. Well done Ava!

We then entered the weekend with a sparkle at our annual PTA Christmas Fair. Thank you all for supporting this event and special thanks to our fabulous PTA whose hard work raised an amazing £2,450! The most money ever raised at a PTA Christmas Fair.

And so to this week as we launched in to one of the busiest weeks of the term! Monday began with more kindness as the children each donated to the Toy Assembly. A wonderful array of toys, books and games were donated and these were parcelled up and given to Epsom and Ewell Foodbank who will ensure that every gift is sent to a family in crisis this season. Thank you all for making such a wonderful difference. Monday was also the day of our Winter Music Concert. Special thanks to Mrs Mulhern for this wonderful afternoon showcasing the considerable talent of our young musicians and well done to all the children who took part.

On Tuesday and Wednesday we ensured that we followed our commitment for every single child in the school to experience live theatre. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 headed off on a coach to a brilliant pantomime at The Harlequin Theatre in Redhill. They booed and cheered and laughed and sang along with the cast of Jack and the Beanstalk with ice creams at the interval thanks to our wonderful PTA. This was followed by a theatre trip to Epsom Playhouse by our youngest members of the school. Pre-Reception and Nursery enjoyed every part of Santa’s Countdown to Christmas and each child was delighted to receive a gift personally delivered by Santa himself.

Wednesday was our Christmas Lunch day and we say a special thank you to Mrs Kathy Waite and her Catering Team for such a delicious Christmas dinner. Those of us struggling on 25th December might do well to remember that she was serving nearly 190 freshly cooked, hot lunches with all the trimmings complete with a smile. She is amazing!

Thursday was Christmas Party day which began with the whole school learning and singing the 12 Days of Christmas complete with actions. Do ask your child about this and ask them to teach the family the song and the actions during the festive holidays. They were all super stars!

Friday was a day of reflection. We began by thanking Mrs Gill Ventris for her wonderful years of service. Gill has kindly sponsored a puppy for the Guide Dogs on our behalf as her parting gift and we were all introduced to little Hope on Friday. We are delighted that Gill will stay in touch and look forward to hearing about Hope’s progress during the year. Friday was also our Christingle service and once again Year 2 narrated with confidence and sang with beauty during this beautiful occasion to a packed room of delighted family.

Thank you all for your wonderful messages and cards and gifts. We are all so very grateful to have received your kind wishes and extreme generosity at this magical time of year. Thank you for your warm support and kindness. On behalf of the whole team may I wish you a very happy and joyful Christmas and New Year.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

Mathletics:
Congratulations to Gabriella L and Harry L for gaining their Silver Awards.

Spotty Box:
Nereya P for Waterskills Level 3 at Epsom District Swimming Club.
Felicity V for Stage 3 Swimming Award.

Congratulations to Dahl House who have finished the term at the top of the Housepoint table with 2694 housepoints.