



14<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents

This is the last newsletter of the term and indeed 2018. It has been a magnificent year and indeed the year we celebrated our 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday. I predict that 2019 will be just as exciting and with your delightful children filling the school with energy and light we are all anticipating a very happy New Year.

Following on from last week's theme of Christmas fun and Christmas caring, we have once again enjoyed a packed week with something for everyone. The Winter Music Concert on Monday was a wonderful experience showcasing the musical talent of so many children. We heard from pianists, singers, soloists, violins, the orchestra, recorders, hand-bells, boomwhackers and even an electric guitar and we enjoyed every single performance! Well done.

On Tuesday we filled the Yvonne Arnaud and provided the pantomime with the best audience that they could have wished for as we boomed and hoorayed our way through a fabulous production of Cinderella. The children had a wonderful time and special thanks to the PTA for providing everyone with a delicious Loseley ice cream for the interval. On Wednesday Nursery and Pre-Reception also headed to the theatre and enjoyed a brilliant production of Santa's Party. I was complimented on both occasions by members of the public about our children's excellent behaviour so they must all deservedly go on the 'Nice List' for Father Christmas. To ensure that every child in the school has a live theatre opportunity is a wonderful achievement and I do thank the entire Staff for enabling this to happen.

We say a special thank you for our full Christmas roast dinner with all the trimmings on Wednesday which was a magnificent achievement by Mrs Waite and her team and the Christmas Party on Thursday was also a terrific success. We were all thrilled to hear that Donaldson House had won this term's challenge with 1612 Housepoints. That just left our beautiful Christingle Service on Friday conducted by candlelight which provided very special memories to treasure.

As for thinking of others, you have once again excelled. The Toy Assembly on Monday revealed an astonishing amount of lovely Christmas gifts generously donated by you. These headed off to the Children's Trust in Tadworth and the charity 'Spread some Sunshine' and we warmly thank Mrs O'Halloran for organising the distribution. Your donations at the Christmas Fair amounted to £156.99 which goes to the Counselling services at Epsom Foodbank. The School Council raised £284 for their chosen charity, Twinning Toilets and the Pizza winners will be announced at a special assembly in the new term on 16<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you also for supporting Save the Children with their Christmas Jumper initiative.

Just after half term we were delighted to welcome Mr John Kight onto the team to support all the hard work that Mr Bennett does to keep our school setting looking stunning. In January we welcome Miss Lauren Blake who will be supporting our School Secretaries on the front desk so please introduce yourselves in the New Year and make her feel welcome.

On behalf of my team please can I sincerely thank each and every one of you for your kindness and generosity with our beautiful staff cards and presents with such kind sentiments expressed that are really appreciated by us all. Thank you. It is now time to stop and let the children experience their family Christmas magic. However you celebrate this festive occasion may I wish you every happiness and a joyful and peaceful break. I look forward to seeing you in 2019!

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

