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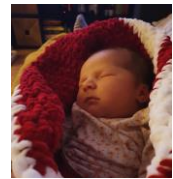
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another wonderful week in so many ways. We have enjoyed the Christmas performances of the children in Year 1, LKS2 and UKS2 and took all of KS2 to the Pantomime at the Hexagon yesterday - 'Oh yes we did...!!'. Thank you so much to all the staff and parent volunteers who helped walk the children to the Hexagon and supervised them whilst they were there - they loved it! Thank you also to the PTFA and parents, who have helped serve coffee, tea and mince pies to parents before all the Xmas performances over the past two weeks.

**Welcome to Amelia Cook**

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Cook on the birth of their beautiful daughter Amelia on Wednesday. We are absolutely thrilled for them!



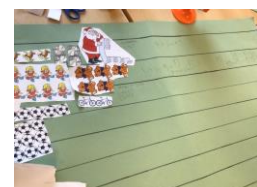
**Reception**

We have been so busy this week and loved welcoming so many of you to help us make Christmas decorations out of salt dough gingerbread men and other things. Thank you.

We have really enjoyed singing Christmas songs in Spanish, recapping our level 2 and 3 phonics and completing different repeated patterns in Maths. We've also been finding different ways of making 5 at home, with our toys, clothes and other things in our houses.

**Year 1**

We really enjoyed learning about the Christmas story, the Advent Wreath and what the four candles represent this week. It really helped making the Nativity characters in puppets and re-telling the story. We loved performing our Christmas songs and story to you yesterday and then to the whole school in assembly this morning. Mrs Edwards and Mrs Fallon both said that it was amazing and we were brilliant! We've been putting the finishing touches on our sewn Christmas Tree decorations and are looking forward to taking them home. We have also been adding and subtracting toys in Santa's workshop.



**Year 2**

As well as completing assessments in different subjects, we have taken part in a range of Christmas related activities this week. We really enjoyed our Castles Day yesterday. What did you think of our costumes?! Didn't Mrs Kingshott look amazing as the Queen of Hearts!



### Year 3

As well as all things Christmas, we have been taking part in 'Parliament Week' activities this week. It's been really interesting learning where laws are made in our country and how they are debated first before being passed. We enjoyed debating our own 'motion' and carrying out a democratic vote to see if it 'passed'. In Science, we carried out an investigation to see if there is a link between the size of people's hands and feet and in IT we've been working on our coding and debugging skills, using code.org.



### Year 4

This week we performed our Christmas story and songs both to you all and to the whole school in assembly this morning. We're all really enjoying watching each other's 'productions'. We loved the Pantomime yesterday, particularly when the actors squirted us with water! Some of us tried to hide under our hoods so we didn't get wet! As well as all the performances, we've been completing different assessments and learning about zentangle art and drawing rainforest animals with these patterns.

### Year 5

We have completed reading, arithmetic and reasoning assessments this week. We've also carried out an investigation into how different variables can affect the speed at which salt dissolves in water and brought our invasion topic to an end by completing a timeline of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. Inspired by the story of The Nutcracker, which we looked at in our Music lessons, we have created 'Nutcracker' themed Christmas cards by sketching key characters and scenes from the story.

### Year 6

This week we've been editing and publishing our non-chronological reports on a creature of our choice. We have paid particular attention to the layout and visual features so that we could engage the reader. In Science, we have been recording our observations of a mould investigation using the correct terminology in relation to scientific enquiry and microorganisms and in DT, we've been researching, designing and making Christmas Tree decorations.

### Thanks to Tom Green

Many thanks to Tom Green for being our school photographer when the Year 2s performed their Christmas play last week, it was much appreciated.

### Spring Term Clubs

Please find below a link to a Google drive which contains information and flyers for our Spring Term Clubs.

[https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1dFKbqavIoVDR-ur6D\\_tKRnFhb3FyONVs](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1dFKbqavIoVDR-ur6D_tKRnFhb3FyONVs)

All club providers are managing their own bookings so if you have any questions, please email them using the email address provided in the flyers.

Due to high demand, **Lego Master Builders** will be holding an addition session on Tuesdays. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

## The Big Ambition

The Big Ambition' provides a much-needed opportunity for the children to tell policy makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. If they would like to share their thoughts, children and parents can complete the survey here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition). Deadline for completion is 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

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## Dates for the Diary

Christmas Holidays	20 <sup>th</sup> December -1:30pm finish
End of Term Football Festival	20 <sup>th</sup> December -1:45pm to 3:15pm

I hope you all have a great weekend.



Mrs Edwards