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## Dear Parents and Carers,

It's Nativity Week! The celebrations have begun in earnest. Here are the week's highlights:

- It's been the most adorable and yet the most stressful week as always when you're attempting to put on a West End production with 60 under 5s or under 6s or under 7s! But that's exactly what's happened this week to the great delight of us all! Well... ..perhaps not *all* of us!! There have been a few disasters but what's the Christmas season without a disaster or two to spice things up a bit? The first productions all went off without a hitch - refreshments for the ~~Paparazzi~~ I mean EYFS parents, who loved every second of every out of tune note, every trip and stumble, every forgotten line and, as for the 2 groups of little voices who decided to sing in entirely separate time zones, the parents lapped it believing it to be an intentional creative flourish. But second productions all came with a few choice adaptations - Y2, who's production was top-notch, being the older children, had a solo singer in Mary, the mother of Jesus played by Sienna (2A) -an absolute triumph in the first production but completely awe-struck in the second when mum and dad were in the audience! It happens! And, as for Year 1 whose first performance was outstanding, I'm going to hand over to Ms Goodwin to describe the intricacies of the second performance since she outlines them with such grace, honesty and the emotional resilience of someone who has truly lived through the horror of it!
- "This morning, we enjoyed the grand finale of the Year 1 Christmas Nativity, and what a performance it was! Move over West End – Year 1 delivered plot twists even **we** couldn't have predicted! Several main cast members were off sick, which meant a number of unsuspecting children were handed new roles with mere minutes to prepare. Their faces said, "Wait... I'm **what** now?" but they powered through like true festive professionals. A massive congratulations to: Mylo (1B) – our newly appointed Spare King, drafted in faster than you can say "Where's the crown?", Lennox (1A) – who transformed herself into the magical Christmas Star and Chloe (1A) – who bravely and beautifully became the Lead Christmas Tree, fully committed to being both evergreen and outstanding. In an unprecedented turn of events, our Star was suddenly taken very poorly mid-performance and had to evacuate the stage immediately. This triggered the first ever official Nativity interval, complete with confusion, concern, and one very*



- *dramatic exit. Several heroic members of staff instantly stepped into ‘Elf & Safety’ roles (yes, really!), swooping in with the speed of Santa’s sleigh to clean, disinfect, and restore the performance zone to a state fit for shepherds, sheep, and audience alike. Once the area was declared safe by the newly formed ‘Nativity Emergency Response Team’, the show continued – because, in true British fashion, **‘the show must go on’**, even if your star quite literally shoots off mid-scene. Huge thanks to the parents and grandparents who helped me keep the children entertained during our surprise intermission. Now then... how many days left until the Christmas holidays? (Asking for a friend!!)”*
- I really must congratulate and thank all the teachers and support staff for the amazing job they’ve done with these plays - the hard work and resilience needed to put something like this together is truly immense and utterly draining and they have excelled themselves - for the children and for you, our parents and I know you’ve really appreciated it. Thank you for your kind and positive comments - they mean the world to all of us.
- Thursday was a whirlwind of turkey with all the trimmings, Christmas songs and Christmas jumpers! A magical day that filled our hearts with Christmas cheer. Thank you to all our midday staff who decorated the tables with festive flair and glittery sparkle - not to mention ploughing through an hour’s supervision of over-excited, tiny tornadoes! What a day!
- Of course, this wouldn’t be the Christmas season without those pesky elves about the place and EYFS was absolutely trashed on Wednesday by the naughtiest Elf I’ve ever come across. After surveying the carnage, I left our little Reception Crew drawing plans for traps to ensnare that naughty elf! Tomorrow, I hope that insidious imp is well and truly caught!
- Christmas is the time of giving and sharing and Dottie (4A) has been embodying that Christmas Spirit with her latest endeavours. Since November, Dottie has been collecting chocolate selection boxes to donate to children who are having to spend the run-up to Christmas in Queen’s Hospital. This week, she visited the children and handed out these boxes and a variety of other treats and gifts. There were smiles all round and she did the same at St Francis Hospice. Well done, Dottie, that’s the kindness that really means something.
- Children decorated the halls and playgrounds on Thursday with their Christmas Jumpers - they all frolicked festively around the school and we raised £179.67 into the bargain! The donations will all be sent to Save the Children for which I know they will be very grateful. Many thanks for all your donations - it’s hard to donate at this time of year but it’s even harder for those in need so thank you from the bottom of our hearts.
- Last week the children took part in our annual sponsored Reindeer Run to raise money for the Havering and Redbridge Hospital charity that buys presents for the children who spend Christmas in hospital. You have been overwhelmingly generous with your sponsor donations raising a massive £2,666.77 and that’s not including what was donated online. As always, you have been so generous to those in need.



- The Havering and Redbridge Hospital Charity always award prizes for the children who raise the most amount of money and, this year, the prizes went to Greyson (R2), Noah (R2) and Oscar (5B) . Well done to these three and thanks to everyone.
- On Wednesday, I had my dinner made for me by Logan (3B) who put together the tastiest Taco filled with chicken, salad and all manner of delicious delights! Such culinary treats don't help any diet!!!
- And finally, today, we ended the week with our annual Christmas Bazaar. Our special guest flew in on a snowy breeze and reminded your children to stay on the 'Good List'. The Bazaar was buzzing with festive fun! Stalls full of treats and treasures, delicious pizzas on the go, and a raffle packed with fantastic prizes made it a merry occasion for all. A heart-felt thank you to Mrs Lawson and the whole PTA team who will spend the entire weekend in bed recovering, I'm sure of it!!
- And that's it for news this week - it's been the longest yet the sweetest week. It just remains for me to wish you another busy weekend of festive preparations and I leave you with this thought:

***"A nativity with chaos is just a reminder that  
life's best moments are often unscripted."***

With kind regards and best wishes,

*Mrs. Searle*



## Stars of the Week

R1 Mikaeel  
R2 Juwon  
1A Ana-Maria  
1B Nila  
2A Cleo  
2B Amelia  
3A Mussab  
3B Charlie

4A Ali  
4B Heidi  
5A Mahilan  
5B Oyintade  
5C Khaleelah  
6A Michaela  
6B Albert

## Kindness Award

R1 Lottie  
R2 Max  
1A Aleena  
1B Kian  
2A Harper  
2B Archie  
3A Kai  
3B Dollie

4A Layla  
4B Brian  
5A Vlad  
5B Azaan  
5C Halimat  
6A David A  
6B Renato



Congratulations to

Mussab 3A Aisha 4A Aiza 5B  
Maia 3B Laura 4A Azaan 5B  
Ashlyn 5B Elliot 4A Irhaa 5B  
Vera 5B Jacob 5C Zirwah 5B

on earning your 50 points to  
choose a book from our vending  
machine. Well done!



## Achiever Badges

Congratulation to

Thomas R1 Evani 3B  
Cooper R1 Maia 3B  
Jax R1 Alice 3B  
Max R2 Charlie 3B  
Ronnie 1A Isobel 3B  
Tasnim 2B Sofia 3B



for reaching gold 5 times and  
earning an achiever badge.  
Well done!

## Reaching gold this week

Daisy R1  
Thomas R1  
Cooper R1  
Lottie R1  
Jax R1  
Luca R1  
Mariam R1  
Mason R1  
Mikaeel R1  
Oonagh R1  
Edva R1  
Greyson R2  
Aaliyah R2  
Max R2  
Ollie R2  
Miko R2  
Danyil R2  
Oren R2  
Paige R2  
Ariyan R2  
Lennox 1A  
Mia 1A  
Ronnie 1A  
Madalin 1A  
Inaaya 1B  
Niyanshi 1B  
Amanah 1B  
Joshua 1B

Fola 2A  
Mannat 2A  
Siraat 2B  
Tasnim 2B  
Archie 2B  
Fola 2A  
Mannat 2A  
Siraat 2B  
Tasnim 2B  
Archie 2B  
James 2B  
Matei 2B  
Henry 3A  
Albie 3A  
Alayna 3A  
Ella 3A  
Dion 3A  
Paula 3A  
Evani 3B  
Maia 3B  
Alice 3B  
Charlie 3B  
Ameer 3B  
Majus 3B  
Isobel 3B  
Ruby 3B  
Sofia 3B  
Kamilija 3B

Mia 3B  
Nala 4B  
Rebecca 4B  
James 4B  
Brian 4B  
Navaira 5A  
Aadam 5A  
Regi 5A  
Aqeelah 5B  
Elsie 5B  
Azaan 5B  
Irhaa 5B  
Sofia 5B  
Nadiia 5C  
Ahmad 5C  
Harper 5C  
Adam 5C  
Jacob 5C  
Oyinlade 6B  
Joshua 6B  
Jacob 6B  
Hareem 6B  
Aiden 6B  
Seb Willow  
Nadia Willow  
Mujtaba Willow  
Charles Willow

## Presentation Award

Classifying foods  
Some foods are high in sugar, salt, or fat, especially those processed foods, such as crisps, ready meals and sweets. Ready meals are ready made and some additives are added when they are made. They are not healthy, which is healthy for you. The things also you could have is fizzy drinks because they work like sugar in it and you could have a healthy drink like water and milk. If you don't really drink water you get out on weights because all the food you have they will stay in your and can't digest properly, and they won't go down in your stomach.

Salt occurs naturally in Some foods, such as meat, and dairy products. It is added to other foods for flavour, which we need to taste. However, if salt is in our diet, but too much salt can lead to the body building on to the water in the blood. Also, the other worst thing is crisps because they don't do good for you and are bad for your heart, which will make your heart work and organs.

Amber in 6B



## Golden Welly Award

The award for great OPAL  
play this week goes to:



Musa in 2A  
Paula in 3A

Well done!



## Autumn Term Dates

- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - PTA Breakfast with Santa
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Choir singing in Hornchurch Retirement Centre @ 1:30 pm
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Choir singing in Romford Town Centre @ 1:00 pm
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Holy Cross Church and **break up at 1:30 pm**
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January - Inset Day
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Children return to school

