



Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

IT'S CHRISTMAS!!!

Another very busy week with the children preparing for the festive season. The Christmas shops were the highlight of the week with lots of the children buying some lovely gifts for all of the family. There was a real buzz of excitement as the children walked to the Christmas shop and then lots of happy faces with bags of presents as they skipped back to class. This is such a lovely idea that I know the children love –



I hope you enjoy your presents! I must take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the PTA members because they have worked really hard over the last two weeks to ensure the children have a memorable and magical time at school over the Christmas period. I have been so impressed with their hard work and commitment to the school and I can honestly say that they do so much for the children at Arthur Bugler!



On Sunday 10th December I attended my very first 'Carols in the Car Park' at St Margarets Church. This was such a lovely event for the community which saw the re-telling of the Christmas story with children from local schools as the stars of the show. Four children from our school were towns people and they did a fantastic job even in the snowy weather conditions!



Last night the children in Key Stage Two enjoyed the discos and I was impressed with some of the dance moves on show! I know the children really enjoy this event but my thanks go to the PTA and staff who worked hard to ensure the children all had a memorable time.



Today the gifts under the 'Giving Tree' were collected by Paul Luke from the Stanford Le-Hope & Surrounding Area Fundraising Team. I was very pleased and proud to present over 400 gifts! I was overwhelmed with everyone's generosity for this fantastic cause. I know the children and adults in hospital over the Christmas period will smile when presented with some of the wonderful gifts donated by our fantastic community. Thank you to everyone that supported this. I think this is definitely something we will do again next year.

The highlight of today was the Panto! The children in the school watched an excellent performance of Aladin and the characters even enjoyed spending time with the children at lunchtime. I am sure the children will tell you all about it... (oh no they won't!)



Lastly, all that is left for me to say is to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. Enjoy the festive season and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year when we all return to school on **Wednesday 3rd January 2018!**

Have a lovely weekend!

J. A. Bryant
Headteacher



This week the **Attendance Trophies** have been awarded to

KS1

Class 3

Miss Pugh

97.0%

KS2

Class 7

Miss Lowther

9.3%

Congratulations to all classes!

Whole School Attendance

95.0%



Silver Headteacher Award

This week I presented a Silver Headteacher Award to Teddy Marlow for receiving 10 Headteacher Awards. He is now the proud owner of a pen to go with his pencil. Well done Teddy!



Bronze Headteacher Award

This week I presented 16 Bronze Headteacher Awards to Chloe Bonniwell, Jessica Allsop-Marsh, Maggie MAskell, Omari Baffour-Mensah, Ben Cullen, Mia Pymer, Isabella Stevens, Heidi Parkes, Alfie Gradely, Freddie Gradley, Daniel Badford, Harry Williamson, Kristian Segal, Samuel Marshall and Amelia Cummings. They collected their sticker and pencil in assembly. Congratulations to all of them!



Children coming into school Late

This week the amount of learning time lost by 10 children combined was 1 hour and 50 minutes.

Children can enter school from 8.30am and there are some learning activities for them to carry out the moment they enter class. Registration closes at 8.55am and the first lesson starts at 8.55am. If children are late they potentially miss the start of the learning process and over time this can mount up.



Star Writers Of The Term

Congratulations to the following children for receiving a 'Golden Pencil' and being crowned 'Star Writers' for this term.

Poppy Welsh, Charlie Mahoney, Isabella Cosentino, Olivia Beard, Alyce Palmer, Joyce Oduwole, Alyce Palmer, Lucy Hubbard, Phoebe Harrison, Alex Warnett, Izzy Jex, Isaac Sear, Ronnie Wise, Joshua-Dylan Lees and Zac Hussey.



Mathematicians Of The Term

Congratulations to the following children for receiving a bag of gold chocolate coins and being crowned Mathematicians for this term.

Noah Bracken, Megan Jarosz, Elijah Parkes, Charlie Bassam, Nancy Sears, Emily Patel, Riley James, Riley Dowson, Daisey Ward, Jack Strutt, Krista Robinson, Lilly O'Neill, Lilly Giroud and Layla Alabaster-Mahoney.



Golden Tickets

The draw was made yesterday and the following children were drawn out of the box and won a Lakeside voucher:

Charlotte Cray, Owen Vincent-Okidi, Scarlett White, Natalia Baker, Vinnie Smith, Tahir Omotoso and Harry Palmer.

Well done to everyone for reading so much at home – make sure you continue to read over the holidays.



Christmas Jumper Day

I am pleased to inform you that we raised £ 262 during the Christmas Jumper day at school last Friday. All money raised will go towards our charities of the year. There was a fantastic range of Christmas jumpers and everyone had a great time getting into the festive spirit.



Clubs

Information for Spring Term clubs will be sent out on when we return after the Christmas break.



Guitar

For those children that have re applied for next terms guitar lessons, they will start on Thursday 11th January, please remember to bring your guitars back into school for that day.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...



December	
Monday 18th	Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 19th	Non-Pupil Day
Wednesday 20th	Non-Pupil Day
Thursday 21 st – Monday 1 st January	Holiday
Tuesday 2 nd January	Non-Pupil Day
January	
Tuesday 2 nd January	Non-Pupil Day
Wednesday 3 rd	Return to School
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th	Multicultural Week
Wednesday 17 th	SEND Parent/Carer Meetings (Invites to be sent)
Thursday 18 th	SEND Coffee Morning (9am)
Thursday 25 th	Year 5 Sex & Relationships Education Talk To Parents (time to be confirmed)
Monday 29 th	Grandparents Celebrations (PM)
Tuesday 30 th	Grandparents Celebrations (PM)