

Dear parents/carers,

We have made it to the end of the Autumn Term and what an amazing season it has been at our school! It is hard to believe that this is my 14th Newsletter of the school year – time has flown! So many positive things have happened since September but fresh in my mind are the events of the last few days. Firstly, a massive thanks to the PTA and all those who helped make last Saturday's Christmas Fair such a success. This was rounded off in the evening by a superb performance by the Fabulous Nobodies. For the pupils this week we have enjoyed a visit from Father Christmas, a gift from 'Secret Santa' and a fun Christmas party lunch made by our amazing cook, Lisa, and wonderfully supported by the PTA. Thank you to all the adults who made this possible.

As we turn our attention to the New Year, please don't forget that school restarts for pupils on **Wednesday 3 January**. In the afternoon of that first day back we have the rescheduled performance of the Pied Piper Theatre Company, which should be lots of fun! Also an advanced notice: we have an additional INSET Day on **Monday 19 February**. The school will be closed for pupils on that day and we hope you can all enjoy an extended half-term break.

Finally, I and all the staff wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas. Please continue to encourage reading at home and monitor screen time. I have attached to this newsletter some tips on online safety over the festive period.

Merry Christmas!

Mr. Walters



Spring Term 2024

January

Tues 2 nd	INSET DAY
Wed 3 rd	All children return to school
Wed 3 rd	Pied Piper Performance
Thurs 11 th	Apple Class Forest Schools
Mon 15 th	Science Wizards
Thurs 18 th	Wonder Dome
Wed 24 th	Full Governing Body
Meeting	
Thurs 25 th	Holly & Cherry Forest Schools

February

Thurs 1 st	Apple class Forest Schools
Thurs 8 th	Holly & Cherry Forest Schools
Fri 9 th	School finishes at 3pm
12 th – 16 th	Half-Term
Mon 19th	INSET DAY
Tues 20 th	All children return to school
Thurs 22 nd	Apple Class Forest Schools
Tues 27 th	Parents Consultation

2nd January 2024 is INSET DAYS
All children return to school on 3rd January 2024
An additional Inset day has been added for
Monday 19th February 2024

Donations Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our donations for Save the Children. We were able to raise £80.00. Fantastic!



Apologies for not having added the awards for last week!

Here they are:

Awards –8/12/2023

Well done!

Star of the Week Award

Apple	Lily
Holly	Jake
Cherry	Arlo S

Headteacher's Award

Apple	Harriet
Holly	Genevieve
Cherry	Arlo C

Attendance Award
The class with the highest attendance this week is:

Holly Class



Congratulations!!

No awards handed out this week

Message from the PTA

Christmas Fair

A huge thank you for joining us at the Christmas Fair.

We will have raised **just under £2,000**, which is a **phenomenal effort** for such a small school and reflects the great community we have here. This year, we opened the school to the wider village with stalls and carols and were grateful of the **community support** from the WI, Village Club, Church and Ewhurst Alumni, not to mention yourselves with all the donations and volunteering on the day to make the day a success. **A special thank you** also to **Mrs Gosling** and **Mrs Martin** who led the music and carols and Mrs Claus' grotto respectively.

Your **funds** will go towards the **PTA's annual contribution of ~£5,000** to the school for **day to day learning resources and IT subscriptions**. This is on top of the money already raised by you all for the **new website, early years equipment** in reception class and also the transformation of the small gazebo into an **outdoor reading nook** which is in planning.

We would love to hear **your feedback** on what you enjoyed and what we can improve for next year so if you can spare a few minutes, please do let us know [here](#).

