



December Newsletter



As we approach the end of term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a happy holiday and thank all of the children and staff for their hard work over the Autumn. The start of an academic year brings much challenge and change and I am impressed how well the children settled into the term and how much progress has been made.



Attendance

Well done to the 76 children who achieved 100% attendance this term and the 173 children who achieved 95% attendance over the whole of the Autumn term. Flamingo class had the best attendance throughout this term. As you are aware, regular attendance is extremely important to make the most of learning opportunities.

Starting Primary & Junior School - September 2017

Further reminder to apply for a **primary school place** if you have a child turning 4 before 31st August 2017.

All parents of children in Year 2 **must** apply for a **Junior school place**.

Apply on line via www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

If you need any help, please call into our main reception.

Closing date for applications is **15th January 2017**.



School Productions

Very well done to all of the children and staff for the Christmas shows. There were over 100 children in each year group that had a part to play and whether they were narrating, acting or singing, all of the children performed tremendously well. I do hope you are all feeling proud. As we have a number of children for whom we don't have permission to use their image, we are unable to publish many pictures of the productions and remind you that if you took your own photos, that these should not be circulated more widely than amongst family and friends and should not be uploaded to social media.



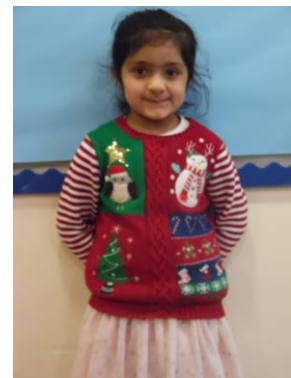
Parents' Association

Thank you to the Parents' Association for their fundraising efforts this term. The cake sale and the Christmas Fair raised almost £900. They have funded the reindeer visit, the Christmas gifts which Santa will be delivering to the children on Monday and the pantomime which the children enjoyed on Friday. Chaplins are very professional and bring the atmosphere of traditional pantomime and theatre into school. This year's production was 'The Magic Castle' and the children had a truly magical time.



Christmas Jumper Day

Friday was 'Christmas Jumper Day' for the Save the Children Charity and we raised over £100. We have supported many charities this term including, Children In Need, the Poppy appeal, Hillingdon Foodbank and you have also donated at our own fundraising events including the PA Cake sales and the Christmas Fair. It is good to give and support worthy causes and those in need.



Thank you

On Thursday we held a special assembly for a number of people from the community who support the school. Our Reception children performed their 'Snowman at Sunset' show and did brilliantly. Well done to everyone involved.



School Dinners

Thank you to the catering staff for the excellent meals they prepare throughout the year and for the special Christmas lunch they are cooking for us next Tuesday. Caterlink ensure all meals are healthy, nutritious and appetising and I would like all of our children to take advantage of the free meals service.

School Shoes

If you are shopping for shoes over the Christmas holidays in preparation for the spring term, please help your child to select practical plain black shoes that fit securely to the foot and without heels or laces. Shoes that fasten with 'Velcro' are a good option.

Plimsolls should only be used for PE and not be worn as shoes.



Staff News

The end of term often brings change and this term we are saying goodbye to Miss Tagui, from the teaching team and from the Admin team, Miss Cotterill and Mrs Nash. Miss Cotterill is going travelling and we wish her safe and happy journeys and Mrs Nash is joining another primary school. I would like to thank those staff for their contribution to the school and wish them every happiness for the future.

This term I am pleased to introduce Mr Coleshill who has joined as our school Business Manager (pictured in his Christmas Jumper).

Ms Baines has just joined us to work alongside Mrs McDaid in Willow class. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to our new staff.



End of Term

Nursery term ends on Tuesday and sessions finish normal time.

School Closes on Wednesday at 2.00pm and we return on Wednesday 4th January.

Diary Dates for next term

Looking ahead to the Spring term, please find attached provisional dates for your diary. We like to give you plenty of notice of what we have planned but please be aware that things may be subject to change. Please check book bags, notice boards and our website for updates and reminders.

All that remains for me to say is, enjoy the break, play safe and have fun. Don't forget to continue reading with your child over the holidays and do take advantage of the lovely green spaces in and around Uxbridge and Hillingdon. Whatever the weather, it is great to get outside but do wrap up warm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Manjit Bringan'.

Manjit Bringan
Headteacher

