

15th December 2017

Badger Room: Well done Badger Class on their wonderful performance in yesterday's Wriggly Nativity - it was really lovely to see them enjoy their first time up on a stage and they should be proud of how well they learnt their lines and songs. Thank you also to all the parents for supplying a fantastic range of costumes; they all looked absolutely fabulous. We have been enjoying helping our Christmas Elf with a variety of maths problems this week, such as finding out how to share his chocolate coins with his friends fairly and using dice to create a Christmas Elf jigsaw. It was a real treat to have the snow in our last week of term and for many of the children it was the first time they had seen it in their own gardens - thank you to all the parents who posted pictures of elaborate snowmen for us to see on Tapestry (it looks like you had as much fun as the children!). We have also enjoyed looking through our Busy Books to celebrate all the progress they have made since starting school this year and it was lovely to see the children being so proud of what they can do now that they couldn't do in September!



We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in 2018!

Hedgehog Room: We have enjoyed our festive celebrations this week! At circle times we have been busy talking about whether we have Christmas trees at home, and if we have managed to see a sneak peek of Father Christmas yet, and we have enjoyed some lovely stories based on winter and of course snow!



We enjoyed playing in the snow in our garden on Tuesday, mixing coloured water into it, and brought some of the ice indoors on Wednesday for investigation! On Thursday as the ice started to melt we enjoyed mixing bubbles into all the puddles and had great fun splashing! Meanwhile we have been busy painting pictures with festive colours and sparkles, and practising our fine motor skills making collages of clothes for snowmen, and posters for Father Christmas out of the advertising logos that we recognise! The children did brilliantly singing in our nativity performances on Thursday and looked wonderful in their costumes, thank you all for your support.

We do have a Christmas post box in the Hedgehogs classroom if your child would like to send Christmas cards. Our elves empty the post box prior to the end of the morning and afternoon sessions. Printed lists of the first names of all Hedgehogs are on top of the box.

Finally, we are planning to have a Christmas party on Monday afternoon, including festive party games and of course pass the parcel! We will be celebrating the last day of term on Tuesday morning by making some yummy mince pies to take home.



Nativity: I think you will all agree that the children were amazing yesterday! They have all worked so hard to learn their lines, know when to stand up (and when to sit down!) and to sing their songs to beautifully. Doing a production with such little ones was always a brave decision, but hats off to our wonderful staff who made it happen!

Christmas lunch: It was lovely to see so many of you at our Christmas lunch today, and so many wonderful Christmas jumpers too! I think you will all agree that the lunch was delicious and then to get a surprise visit from Santa was the best bit entirely!



Christmas Parties next week: Each class will be having a Christmas party on Monday afternoon. We would be grateful if each child could bring in one item of party food to share.

Library books drive: We are looking to fill our library a bit more. So, if you have any unwanted books that are in good condition and that would be suitable for our children, we would give them a lovely home.

Longford Park App: Following last week's email, we can see that many of you have downloaded and registered with the app. We do require 100% take up as we are planning for this channel of communication to replace texting. If you are experiencing issues, please do see Mrs Williams who will be able to help you.

Key Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 19th December - early finish at 1:30pm

Thursday 4th January – pupils return to school





Punctuality: We have noticed that there is a steady trickle of parents arriving after 8:40am. **Please ensure you are at school by 8:35am at the latest.** From January, registers will be taken at 8:50am and if your child arrives after this time, he/she will be marked late. 'Lates' on the register are monitored by the senior leadership team and the impact is measured against your child's progress. Children who arrive after 9am could be marked as absent. We understand how manic the mornings can be but we would really appreciate your support in ensuring school starts on time, this is important in order that we are compliant with our statutory responsibilities. If you live a bit of a drive away, please ensure you leave earlier and in enough time in the morning as the Banbury traffic is appalling at best!

On behalf of myself and the team, I'd like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and we will see you back in 2018, refreshed and raring to go!

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Julie Hiddleston and the school team



Starting w/c 8th January we will have the following clubs:

Tuesday	Friday
<p>Stagecoach - £165 (per term) (Ages 4+) Led by Melissa Lewis (Stagecoach Principal) 4:00-5:30pm (optional 3:15-4:00pm crèche led by Stagecoach prior the class starting - £3 per session)</p> <p>Stagecoach are offering a free trial to Longford Park pupils on Tuesday 9th January. Please contact her directly to book - banbury@stagecoach.co.uk</p>	<p>Sway Dance Club - £3 (all years) led by Ms Whitehead 3:15-4:15pm</p> <p>If you haven't already, you can SIGN UP HERE</p>