

Message from Mr Merry

Yet another end of term and another year has nearly passed! This last couple of weeks have been busy, busy, while also being delightful – the Christmas Nativity plays and the Christmas Lunch have been a marvellous success thanks to the support of everyone.

I'd like to thank you all for your hard work throughout and in particular those 'PTA members' who gave their time to helping the events take place. May I personally thank all the parents, pupils, governors and staff for your commitment and support during the term, it has been outstanding with such a family feel. Thank you. We are all looking forward to another great year in 2020. May I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year as this will be our final letter of this term and year. **School re-opens again on Tuesday 7th January.**

Panto Trip

Our first school trip took place on Wednesday to Loughborough Town Hall to see Jack and the Beanstalk. The children had front row seats and were truly mesmerised by the performance. We are so proud of how well behaved the children were.

First Time Admissions

May I remind all parents with pre-school children that the deadline for applying for First time admissions to school is Wednesday 15th January 2020. Please pass this information to anyone else whom you know has a pre-school age child.

Scooters & Cycling to School

It is great to see so many pupils scooting and cycling to school. Please could I ask you to ensure our children are safe and that no cycling or scooting take place on school grounds and once through our gates. This will ensure the safety of all. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Morning Routine

As we move into the Spring Term, we will be trying to instil a greater sense of independence in the children. To help us with this, after Christmas, we encourage parents to let their child enter the classroom independently in the morning, so that they can put their own coats, book bags and water bottles away by themselves. When any issues arise, or a child is upset, you may (of course!) accompany them but on the whole, the children should now be familiar enough with the morning routine to manage independently.

Reading with your child

To aid your child's reading development, it is extremely important that you read with your child as regularly as possible at home. Please aim to read approximately four times a week and ensure that this reading is recorded in the reading record. It is important that the books are read more than once at home so that children can become familiar with the words and begin to recognise them by sight, rather than having to segment and blend them every time. Many thanks for your support with this. There is NO HOMEWORK over the Christmas break but please, keep up the reading to give your child the best possible start to the Spring Term.

Hinckley Parks

We are very excited to share with you that one of our Trust schools – Hinckley Parks won School of the Year at the recent Leicestershire Live Education Awards. Congratulations and well deserved!

Thank You

We would like to say a massive thank you for all our lovely Christmas gifts. Your kindness is much appreciated.



Dates for Your Diary

January

Monday 6th

Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 7th

School re-opens to pupils

Balance bike course starts for all pupils, every day this week.

Monday 13th

PTA Meeting in staffroom – everyone welcome

Tuesday 28th

National child measurement programme – 1.00pm

February

Monday 17th-Friday 21st

Half Term - school closed to all pupils

Tuesday 25th

Collection of Bags2School items

March

Tuesday 3rd

Parents Evening

Wednesday 4th

Parents Evening

April

Friday 3rd

School closes for Easter break 3.15pm

Monday 20th

School re-opens to pupils