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Our School Community Newsletter!



Autumn B - Week 5 - Friday 7th December 2018



Thought for the Week

*Do all the good you can.
By all the means you can.
In all the ways you can.
At all the times you can.
To all the people you can.
As long as ever you can.*

Attributed to Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788)



We're feeling super PROUD!



Attached to this week's newsletter you will find a letter from Nick Gibb, the Minister of State for School Standards. He has written to CONGRATULATE us on our *'school's outstanding achievement in the 2018 phonics screening check'* He states that *'your school is in the top 6 percent of all primary schools in the country'* due to our fantastic results.

This is as a result of the outstanding phonics teaching of Mrs Howells in reception AND Miss Edwards in Year 1 and their support staff. We are really lucky to have such outstanding practitioners in our school and I hope you will join me in recognising all of their hard work and commitment to your children. Well done ladies!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you too. Such academic success comes as a result of true parental partnerships. By hearing your child read as much as you can, by reading to them and raising the importance of books and stories in your own household, by practising their phonics homework and reading the phonics newsletters all culminates in the amazing success we are sharing with you today.

I am so thrilled that we are part of a school community that is in **THE TOP SIX PERCENT OF ALL PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY!** Wow, wow, wow!

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Every day,

In every way.



The Book People Book Fair



A HUGE thank you to everyone who sent money in for their children or who visited themselves. Due to your fantastic generosity we took £712!!!! This has resulted in an amazing commission total of £178!!!! The teachers have chosen new and exciting books for all of the class libraries already so the children will be benefitting from them immediately. Thank you, thank you, thank you!



The Town Hall Christmas Fair



Thank you to Mrs Egan, Mr Farrelly, Ms Albutt (and their children) Ms Pearce, Mrs Davies and Mrs Howells for manning the High Meadow Christmas Book Tombola at the Town Hall Christmas Fair last week. They all did a stunning job and managed to make a fantastic profit of £78.50. This money will be put towards the cost of the coach for the annual Year 2's trip; 'The Journey to the Stable'



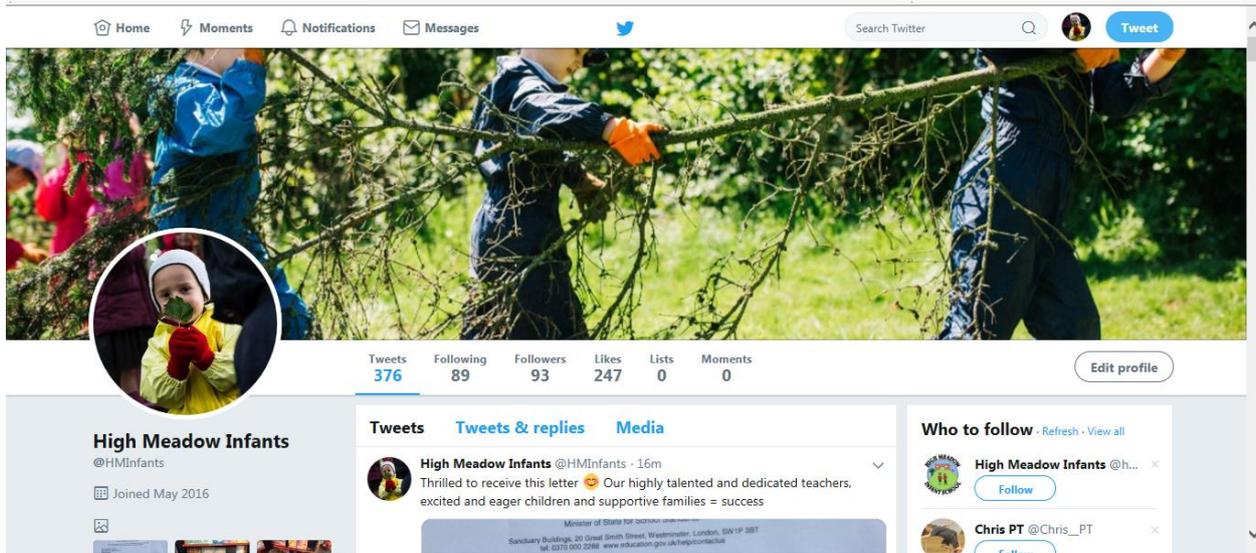
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[Children's Christmas Fair - Friday 7th December - 1.00 - 3.00pm](#)



Thank you to those families who donated teddies today for the Children's Christmas Fair. The children had the most wonderful time and really enjoyed having their faces painted, their photos taken with santa as well as engaging in a wide range of christmassy stalls. Thank you to everyone who sent money in for their children to spend at the fair. We will be using the funds raised in the Spring term to pay for an artist to come and spend two days with the children during our Arts Week, we will let you know more nearer the time.



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And the final amount raised was.....a fantastic **£685.57** ...wow. wow, wow!!



Christmas Nativity Play 2018



ALL tickets have now been allocated. Please do not lose your ticket as entrance to the performance will not be allowed without one. The children are practising hard and thank you to all of the families who are supporting their child in learning their lines for the performance.

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After consulting with staff and to link in with our value of COMPASSION, we have also decided that rather than asking for £1.00 donation for the Nativity programs this year, we would like you to consider donating an item of food/s to our foodbank collection. Please bring it along at either 2.00pm or 5.00pm and drop it into the basket. Thank you for supporting our actions for COMPASSION.



Educational Events and Activities



| Date | Time & place | Event |
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| Friday 14 th December | 2.00pm 5.00pm | Whole school Christmas performances (2 tickets per family) |
| Tuesday 18 th December | From 1.00pm in the classrooms | Class Christmas parties |
| Wednesday 19 th December | 12.00pm - 1.00pm | Christmas Lunch |
| Thursday 20 th December | Morning and afternoon | Christmas trip to the theatre |
| Friday 21 st December | Last day of term Children to be collected at ANY TIME between 1.00pm and 2.00pm from their classrooms. <u>School will then close at 2.00pm</u> for the Christmas holidays to tie in with Coleshill Primary School closing times. | |

Larks and Owls will be open from 2.00pm until 3.00pm on the last day (Friday 21st December) **They will close at 3.00pm prompt.** Please let Gaynor know (01675 432990) if you would like your child to have a space from 2.00pm - 3.00pm on the last day.

Christmas holidays from Monday 24th December 2018 - Friday 4th January 2019

Teacher training day - Monday 7th January

Children back in school - Tuesday 8th January

Important note - please be aware that these dates and times are subject to change. Please read the weekly newsletters for most up-to-date information. Class trips and visits will be communicated separately



Attendance - 'Every Child, Attending Every Day'



Good attendance (97%+) is key to academic success and missing just one or two days each half term can have a detrimental impact on a child's learning and progress. The LA may send out fines to families who are deemed to be 'persistently absent'. Our Attendance Policy can be found on our school website if you need further clarification.

Our target for this year is 97%. This week we only achieved 93.7% largely due to absence from a tummy bug going around. Please remember ANY requests for holiday leave during term time **will not** be granted.

How does your child compare?

| Attendance during one school year | equals this number of days absent | which is approximately this many weeks absent | which means this number of lessons missed |
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| 95% | 9 days | 2 weeks | 50 lessons |
| 90% | 19 days | 4 weeks | 100 lessons |
| 85% | 29 days | 6 weeks | 150 lessons |
| 80% | 38 days | 8 weeks | 200 lessons |

| Position | % attendance | Class |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| FIRST PLACE | 97.3% | Y1 Blackbirds |
| SECOND PLACE | 95.7% | YR Robins |
| THIRD PLACE | 88.3% | Y2 Barn Owls |



Our Golden Rule focus for this half term is



'We listen, we don't interrupt'

Our Value for this half term is 'COMPASSION'

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Our Personal, Social and Emotional 'Jigsaw' theme for this half term is

'Celebrating Difference'

We are learning that as we grow and develop we need to...

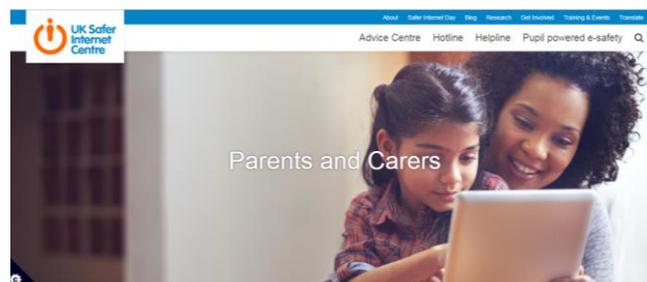
- Accept that everyone is different
- Include others when working and playing
- Know how to help if someone is being bullied
 - Try to solve problems
 - Try to use kind words
- Know how to give and receive compliments

kindest regards

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