



Wednesday 20th
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Warden Hill Primary School

2017-2018 Newsletter 6

Dear Parents,

It's here; the final newsletter of 2017, which means we've made it to the end of our second term!

The school has been awash with Christmas parties, crafts and singing over the last couple of days and **it's been lovely to see the children fully immersing themselves in the Christmas spirit.**

Christmas truly starts at our school when the Reception children perform their nativity play. It is always a very special occasion and, as parents, one that we all remember. The children were so confident to sing and talk and this is testament to the brilliant start they have made at our school - **we are all really proud of them. This was followed by our Y1's traditional mince pies and carols around the tree.** To see so many parents, grandparents and loved ones attend these special sessions was just wonderful and our children loved performing their songs for you all. Finally, the Y2 Christmas **play, 'Starlight' was truly spectacular. Our Y2 children sang and spoke so well and some even stepped into other roles on the morning of the play in true Warden Hill style - the show must go on!** The KS1 celebrations ended with the re-scheduled Christmas party, which was a huge success with Father Christmas arriving to some very excited children (and staff!).

The KS2 Christmas concert at St. Philip and St. James was probably the best yet. Our children re-told the Christmas story through songs and readings to a packed church. We were treated to the festive sounds from our wind and violin groups, as well as solos and group singing. We have some very talented children at our school and it was lovely to see them in action. A big thank you goes to Mr. Perona-Wright for accompanying us on the piano and organ - it really made it an extra special occasion this year.

At this time of year it can really be hectic and I'm always really appreciative of the children and families who are able to take time out at busy weekends and after school to support our local community events and give something back by just being there. The first event was the 'Light up a Life' service at St. Luke's Church on Sunday 3rd December and the second on Monday 4th December at St. Christopher's Church for the annual Warden Hill Christmas tree lights switch on. Our children represented the school beautifully on both these occasions and the Mayor commented on their beautiful singing at the Light up a Life service.

And finally, we are delighted to announce that Miss **Crosby will be adding another member to our 'Warden Hill' family** - huge congratulations.

That just leaves me to say, from myself and all the staff a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Warmest Wishes

Georgina Flooks

Headteacher

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Football Round-up

The A Team have had an up and down start to the season.

Early wins against Swindon Village and St Marks' gave us confidence, but a very strong Prestbury St Mary's team beat us 6-2 at home. To qualify from the group into the 'cup' competition, the team knew that only the top 2 teams in the group would qualify. Another win against Swindon Village followed, before 2 crucial games against St Marks' and Prestbury. A win in either of these games would've been enough to see the team certain to get through. In our most remarkable game of the season, away at St Marks', Ren saved the team from defeat to equalise at 4-4 with the very last kick of the game. That result left the group in the balance, as other results in the group had not gone as expected. Unfortunately, a 2-0 loss against Prestbury in our final game meant that our comparative points with St Marks' were going to be very close. We will wait and see how the tables look in the near future.



A more successful time was had at the Albert Dix Tournament, where we progressed from the group, beating Prestbury on the way. This led to a tournament with other group winners, matching us with Naunton Park and Oakwood. A brilliant winning display against a competitive Oakwood team meant that we faced a one match decider against an excellent Naunton Park side. Unfortunately, an admirable fighting spirit was not enough to get past Naunton Park, and the same as the girls team a week before, the A Team finished 3rd in the tournament.

Netball Match vs St James

On Thursday 23rd November, a mix of Year 5 & 6 pupils went to a netball match against St James. Our team: Amelia, Sophie, Aoife, Laila, Isobel, Sam, Mia and Abigail all played a successful match and represented the school well. This was our 2nd match of the season. After losing 12-0 to Naunton Park, we weren't as confident as before. **By the end of the 1st quarter we were 1-0 up. That really boosted our confidence. The 2nd quarter was very successful as we were now 2-1 up. By the end of the 3rd quarter and final quarter, we had won 6-2! We were filled with confidence after winning the match and can't wait for our next fixture.**

Written by Sophie & Amelia

Year 5 maths challenge visit to St Edward's School

On the 24th of November, four Year 5 pupils, Harry, Maya, Mateo and Bonnie set off to St Edward's School to represent Warden Hill School in a maths challenge.

The school's headmaster explained to us our six different puzzles. Some of them were easier than others. They used shape, time, distance, the four methods (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) dominoes and tangrams. We had seven minutes to complete each task.

Although we didn't win, we all had a lot of fun! *Written by Harry, Maya, Mateo and Bonnie.*



MERRY CHRISTMAS



From KS1





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From KS2



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Pupil Success:

Noah Y2 has completed swimming Silver Challenge Award which included a continuous 800m swim.

Oscar Y2 achieved a 'yellow belt, white stripe' in his jujitsu grading



Warden Hill Stage School

Last Friday, Warden Hill Stage School presented their Christmas production '**Through the Wardrobe**' to a large audience of family and friends. The Children (Y1- Y6) gave a wonderful performance and should be extremely proud of themselves.

Chart Dance Club

25 talented pupils from Years 4 and 5 gave an amazing end of term performance to a packed hall last Wednesday. They performed several dances including a cheeky Charleston, an energetic Irish jig and a show stopping dance to Queen's 'Don't Stop Me Now'. **Congratulations to all of those involved.**

Safety on Site: Please remember that using mobile phones whilst driving is banned on school site, like it is on any highway. We have very clear signs displayed on site reminding parents and visitors of this policy. Our school community safety is paramount. There is a link below to a very strong campaign running in the USA by phone company AT&T specifically focussed on this aspect, and there are a number of thought provoking videos and a very clear message that we should remind ourselves about. Thank you for your support in this matter. <https://www.itcanwait.com/>

School Dates: School starts on Thursday 4th January and we will finish for Easter on Thursday 29th March at 1:30pm. Please be reminded that school starts at 8:55am. Thank you.

Medicines: Thank you to all those parents & carers who have juggled popping into school to administer pain relief and antibiotics during the virus season. We appreciate you getting your children into school. The GCC & WHPS policies both state that staff cannot administer medicine in school.

Clubs: Teacher run school clubs will commence WB Monday 15th January