



A letter from our Head Teacher

Welcome to the last newsletter of 2019! The Autumn Term at school is always a very busy one indeed, but it is also one of the most enjoyable. There have been many exciting learning opportunities for all of the children this term, fantastic trips, with the term being finished beautifully with the Nativity and the Carol Concert.

As you know, **Mrs Platford** will be beginning her maternity leave after Christmas. We wish her a restful and peaceful Christmas and New Year as she awaits the arrival of her beautiful bundle of joy.

Sadly, we say goodbye to **Mrs Ware** who is off to new challenges in the New Year. I know she will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils. God speed Mrs Ware as you begin your new adventure.



Coming Up.....

Christmas Break -
Monday 16th December
to Friday 3rd January

Back to School Monday
6th January 2020

Thursday 9th - Year 6
Swimming

Monday 13th - Preschool
to Year 3 - Drama4All
'Around the World'
Workshop

Thursday 16th - MYG
Swimming Gala



I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you to all the parents, staff and pupils for your support - I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you in 2020.

Kindest Regards

Mrs Gee, Head Teacher



Carol Singing at Hempstead Valley

On Wednesday morning some of our Junior children went to Hempstead Valley Shopping Centre to sing Christmas Carols to the shoppers. The children were very excited and sang a variety of Christmas songs, old and new, with Mr Johnson directing them.



This years chosen charity is 'My Shining Star' which is a local children's Cancer Charity raising money to support the financial need of families going through the trauma of childhood cancer in the UK .

Thank you to the parents and shoppers of Hempstead Valley the children raised £215.46 in just over an hour...

Well done everyone and a huge thank you to Mr Jonson (we loved the dancing)

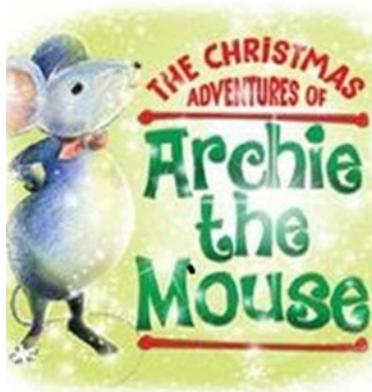
For more information on the work this Charity does or to make a donation please follow the link.



<https://www.myshiningstaruk.co.uk>



'The Christmas Adventures of Archie the Mouse'



Pre-school and Reception had a very exciting trip to see 'The Christmas Adventures of Archie the Mouse' at The Brook Theatre in Chatham....

The children's adventure started when they stepped onto the decorated minibus. Christmas songs were playing to get everyone in the mood for their adventure.

The children arrived at the theatre and were transported into an interactive adventure. They joined Archie the Mouse (a great explorer) as he travelled on an amazing adventure to the North Pole.

They met Pixies and Snow Fairies along the way in their quest to help Archie save Christmas.

It was a fantastic trip and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. **Mrs Oliver, Mrs White, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Saroya & Mrs King**

Special thank you to Mr Sparks and Mr Wood for getting us all there and back safely.



'Cinderella'



Our last day of term at school in 2019 was a real treat for the KS1 and KS2 children

with a trip to the Central Theatre in Chatham to see this year's pantomime 'Cinderella'. The excited children left on a coach and our minibuses. They ate their packed lunch during the interval and were given a snack while watching the second half. The children and teachers really enjoyed themselves. What a lovely start to the Christmas holidays.



Highest Award

This week, George from Year 3 has achieved his Bronze Chief Scout Award - the highest available to any Beaver. George will be moving up to Cubs in the New Year. Well done George...



Year 1 Christmas FUN

Year one have had two visitors from the North Pole!
The naughty little elf visitors have been up to all sorts of mischief when the children go home! Every morning the children have discovered the antics of the elves and have created their own amazing 'Elf Journals' to record the elves' adventures!

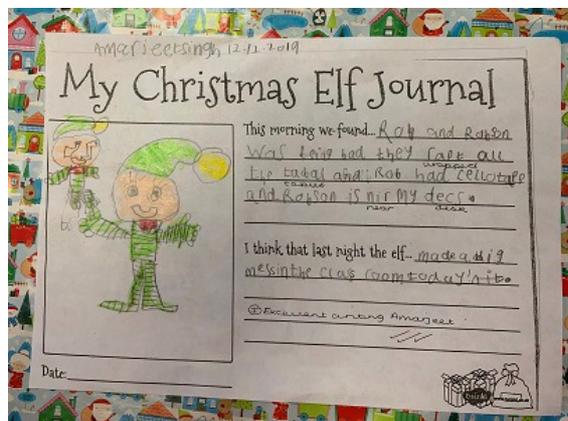


We have also had a 'Santa cam' set up in the classroom and we can officially say we have had the report back from the North Pole!

The 'Santa Cam' shows that our year one children are all extremely well behaved, kind and polite children!



I think they will all be having a wonderful Christmas!



Wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Miss Hills, Mrs Farnes & Mrs Saroya

House Points



A big well done to last 3 weeks winners for earning the most house points for their teams! Congratulations!

Darcy, Amarjeet & Charlotte- **Emerald**
Caleb-Celio, Honey and Harry - **Zircon**
Inés, Darcy and Aliskova - **Ruby**
Naila, Amrita and Joseph - **Sapphire**



Since the start of the House Point launch, **ZIRCON** are the highest scoring team at the Infants and **RUBY** in the Juniors .

Reading in the Juniors

The junior staff are very proud with the hard work these children have all put into developing their home reading habits. New 'Book Nooks' have been put in each classroom with a selection of high quality books for children to borrow. The children have been reading regularly and making thoughtful responses in their reading logs. A child from each year group was selected to receive a WHSmith voucher from **Mr Edmunds** as a huge well done! It was very close in some year groups! Teachers will be counting entries and keeping an eye on home reading habits again next term, so keep up the amazing work please. Thank you to parents for your support with this.



Year 3 - Josh
Year 4 - Isaac
Year 5 - Faith
Year 6 - Lana

Mrs Rivers,
Head of English

Infant Christmas Dinner



Junior Christmas Dinner



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Spelling Shed

Last week's winners of the top scores in the for spelling shed were:

Year 1-Darcy, Year 2-Elijah, Year 3-Josh, Year 4-Harry, Year 5-Malakai , Year 6-Lana. Elijah in Year 2 who was also the top scorer in the whole of the school! The highest scoring Year group was **Year 2!**

A big well done to you all! We are excited to announce that **Reception** will be joining in the fun with Spelling Shed too! Remember to continue playing over the festive period as new spellings will be set for the new year!



Final Spelling Shed results for 2019!

Reception - Charlotte

Year 1 - Rosie

Year 2 - Elijah



Overall winners for this Term...

1st - Elijah

2nd - Ovo

3rd - Inara

A big well done to you all!!

Introducing Millie

Mrs Notley has a new puppy who is in training to become the Bryony School dog.

Millie resides in Mrs Notley's office and has been enjoying the Christmas festivities ... including Christmas Jumper Day..... !



Chrome Books

This term, Year 2 have been having fun exploring the Google Chrome Books! We have been building on our touch typing skills using an excellent BBC programme (Dance Mat touch typing), as well as putting our times table knowledge to the test in fun games! **Year 2** are looking forward to using the chrome books more in the new year to cover more computing skills. **Mrs Dyne**

Jeevat - We have been playing Spelling Shed to practise our spellings!



Save the Children

We held our Christmas jumper Day a day early to coincide with our Christmas dinner day.

The children were allowed to come into school in their own clothes for a suggested donation of £2. We also ran a staff sweepstake and had to guess what Coach Christmas was asking Father Christmas for this year. Our lovely bus driver **Mr Wood** won with the answer 'Nothing! Just giving 100%'

Overall we donated £210.70 to Save the Children. Thank you all.

Let's change
the future, people!



Christmas Presents



We had a rather special visitor this week at the Infants... Father Christmas arrived bearing gifts for all the children....



Mrs Bernini very kindly helped to share out the presents. The children were very excited and happy to receive an early Christmas present....



Thank you to Father Christmas and to Mrs Prenter, Mrs Powell, Mrs Bernini, Mrs Osborn, Mrs Hare, Ms Brooker, Mrs Bucknall, Mrs Butler-McAllister, Mrs Purnell and Mrs Smith for all your hard work in keeping this generous FoBS tradition going..