



Laurance Haines
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HEADLINES

ENJOY, CARE, AIM HIGH AND SUCCEED TOGETHER

I am really looking forward to seeing everyone at our Carol Service next week. The children have been working very hard to prepare their songs and presentations. I hope that Key Stage 1, Reception and Nursery parents and children are not too disappointed that we are unable to have the usual nativity plays this year due to the boiler and heating replacement works. I am sure that the Carol Service will be a fantastic Christmas celebration and I hope that many of you will be able to come along and join us.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Christmas fair on Saturday last week. This was a great success raising over £1300, and thanks are due to our wonderful PTA, parent volunteers and staff who made all the preparations. The extra addition of a brass band gave a real flavour of Christmas as well as Father Christmas joining us as usual.

The Christmas card post boxes are ready and waiting in the office area and outside of the Year 2 classrooms. Children can post their cards in the boxes and Year 6 will deliver them to classrooms. Please ensure that envelopes have the name and class of the recipient written clearly on them.

As a school with high expectations our children will still be working to the curriculum throughout the whole of next week, so please ensure that your children have the correct equipment for their learning every day. Having said this after all the nasty bugs and viruses that seem to be circulating in school at the moment I am sure everyone will be ready for a well earned break over the Christmas holidays. I wish you all a merry Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Thursday 5 January.

James Roach

Headteacher @HeadLHS



Everbridge School Closure Notification System

Please see the last newsletter and the letter emailed yesterday explaining how to register for this system. *Please note that you will need to register in order to receive messages about any school closures.* If you need a copy of the letter please contact the office. To sign up, please visit member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489 and click on the "sign up" button located at the top right hand side of the page on the grey strip, and from there follow the instructions.

Christmas Lunch

All children having the Christmas lunch on Wednesday 14th December stand the chance of winning a prize! There will be one per class.

Many thanks to the ladies in our kitchen who organised this special treat for children and have worked so hard all year producing such delicious meals.

If you would like to have a Christmas lunch, there is still time to order.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 12 December

Pear Class Pantomime.

Wednesday 14 December

Christmas lunch.

Thursday 15 December

Plum Class Pantomime.

Friday 16 December

Carol Service, St. Michael's Church 9.30 a.m.

Monday 19 December

Year 5 Chocolate log making.

Tuesday 20 December

Nursery Christmas party 9.00-1.00— all children.

Wednesday 21 December

End of term. School finishes at 2 p.m. No after school clubs.

Thursday 5 January

Children return to school.

Term Dates 2017/2018

These are now available on our website. A paper calendar will be sent home on Monday.

Attendance

Oh dear, we were down to 94% over the last couple of weeks as so many of our younger children have been affected by nasty viruses. Remember, we can administer prescribed antibiotics in school when necessary, you just need to complete a form from the office to enable us to do this. Please send your children back to school as soon as they are well enough.

Reach Free Theatre Trip

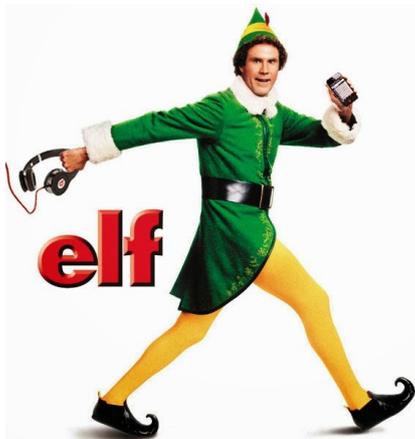
Yesterday I and some of my friends in Year 5, went to the Reach Free School to watch a musical about Christmas elves.

The main character of the musical was called Buddy who was an orphan who had been taken to the north pole by Santa to be raised as an elf. We were told the story about his adventures in New York after Santa told Buddy his dad worked there in the Empire States building writing children's Christmas books., and he set off to find him. Buddy's dad had to made a book for Christmas but Buddy shredded the only copy to make snow! While he was in New York Buddy went on a date, but he forgot to book a table in the restaurant and his girlfriend was mad at him!

What the New York citizens didn't know was that Santa's sleigh was powered by belief in Santa. When Santa crash landed into New York Buddy had to persuade the people to believe to power the sleigh. Finally Santa offered to take Buddy back to the north pole but he wanted to stay with his family.

It was outstanding, I really enjoyed it!

Sami – Year 5.



Thank you to the PTA and everyone who supported the Christmas Fair, either by coming along on the day, giving up time to help or through donations. Over £1300 was raised.

Christmas Thoughts

Are you fed up of being the only child with no Christmas presents? Do you wish for a big amount of presents under your tree? If so, be prepared. Help is on the way! Read these instructions and soon you will have the most presents any child could wish for!

What you need;
Sunhat
Suncream
Battery
Torch
Canoe
Glasses

Put on your sunhat, suncream and glasses.

Next walk forwards until you reach the cave.

Put your battery in your torch eliminating the darkness.

Ride in your canoe until you reach the treasure.

Finally run and find the nearest toy shop.

Max—Year 3.

If you would like to see Max's work go to <https://t.co/GkCDVj8XeF>

Christmas Deco Day

There was an amazing Christmassy atmosphere in Laurance Haines on Deco Day with so many Christmas activities going on around the school.

We made angels, Christmas pictures, Christmas trees and paper chains. We stuck the Christmas trees on the door. It was fun!

Natalie & Skyla—Year 2.

Reception Children Health Screening

The screening of all reception children (height, weight, vision and hearing screen) will take place in April 2017. Please read the information leaflet that has been sent to you by email. If you have any queries please contact the School Nurse whose details are in the leaflet.

P4C Question

If Santa could delivery emotions, what emotion would you choose and why?

We look forward to seeing your answers soon!

Important Information for Nursery Parents

The Primary application process for Reception places in September 2017 is now open. Please note that your child will not automatically be given a Reception place here. You will need to make an application online at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions. The closing date for applications is 15 January 2017.

If you need assistance please contact Mr McDonald or Mrs Borlase.

Christmas eSafety

Mobile phones, gaming devices and iPads are top of many Christmas present list. You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child stay safe online. You can find advice and resources to support you as you support your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively at <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>



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