



NEWSLETTER

20TH DECEMBER 2023

WELCOME

Dear Laurance Haines Family,

Wow we are at the end of Autumn Term! We have had so much to celebrate across the term and we must thank our incredible staff team for their energy, commitment and love for our children here at Laurance Haines.

Yesterday we had our annual Christmas carol concert at the church and what a treat it was. I really do believe that these performances just keep getting better, year after year. We heard some beautiful and uplifting songs from year groups across our school whilst Year 2 had an incredible time at the pantomime. It is difficult to pick one moment, but a highlight certainly was the incredible guitar performances with Mr Micky. Thank you to all the parents and carers for attending and enjoying the festive celebrations.

You will have read in my letter that we have some staff changes for Spring Term. Mrs Lynch is leaving to start her maternity leave and we wish her lots of love as she goes off to rest and have her baby. Ms Player will be covering Mrs Lynch for her maternity cover. We are also welcoming back Mrs Woodroffe as an HLTA to cover Ms Player's role whilst she is teaching in Year 2. If your child is in Hazel, and you have any questions, please do come and ask.

I really hope that the winter break is a relaxing and peaceful break for all our families. On behalf of the school and the Governors, I wish those celebrating a really Happy Christmas and to all a very happy new year.

The children return to school on the 4th January 2024 and we will look forward to seeing you all then. Until then, I wish you a safe and happy break,

Mrs Ball
Headteacher

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

Reception have been thriving this half term preparing for The Twinkly Nativity. They have all been shining stars and it has been so heartwarming seeing their confidence blossom. The children have been working so hard and persevering, learning their lines, all of the songs and the actions. All of the adults are so proud of the children in Reception with their bravery to perform in front of adults and children, as well as how they have supported each other and worked as a team for the performance. Not only have the children been practising their role play skills, but they have also been practising skills with dressing and undressing themselves, which to start with was a challenge.

Emma (Pear) - 'I was a narrator for our nativity and my favourite part was singing songs for everyone'

Ayla (Plum) - 'I was a star in the nativity and my favourite part was when I got to go on stage and sing'

Reception had the pleasure of going to see Cinderella at the Watford Palace theatre. This was reception's first trip since starting at Laurance Haines and it is safe to say they did us proud. We left school in the morning and walked together into the Watford town centre, we were then escorted to our seats – we were delighted to find out we were on the front row! Two of our children had the amazing opportunity to be chosen to get up on stage and perform a song and dance with Cinderella's Fairy God Mother to the audience watching. We had such fun singing along with the characters. The reception team are so incredibly proud of how well they walked all the way to the theatre and back again, you represented Laurance Haines school so well!

Maria (Pear) - 'My favourite part of Cinderella was when the fairy god mother came on stage – she was very funny'

Houssem (Plum) - 'it was funny when the king's trousers fell down and we saw his underpants'

Miss Smart & Miss Allen
Reception

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT



Our annual Christmas Carol Concert for children in Year 1 and Years 3-6 was held on Tuesday, December 19th, at St Michael & All Angels Church. We were so proud of our children, who all sang beautifully and a big thank you to all of our parents who walked to church with us in the rain!

RECEPTION PANTOMIME TRIP

Our Reception and Year 2 classes had an unforgettable experience watching Cinderella at Watford Palace Theatre this month. A highlight for the Reception class was when two of our children were given the opportunity to perform a song and dance on stage with the Fairy Godmother. It was truly a day to remember.



END OF TERM - SCHOOL FINISH 2PM

A reminder that school finishes EARLY (at 2pm)_today. Please note, there is no after school club on this day. We are back in school on Thursday 4th January 2024.

DON'T FORGET

END OF TERM ATTENDANCE PRIZE

The announcement for the end of term attendance prize will be announced in assembly today. The class with the highest attendance marks at the end of each term wins a prize.

Every mark counts and the lucky winning class this term will receive a delicious chocolate selection box for each child.

Wendy Gunning
Attendance Manager



TWINKLY NATIVITY

Last week on Thursday and Friday, our Reception classes put on a charming nativity play. It was a joy to watch them perform so beautifully, and we couldn't be more proud of their efforts.



SCHOOL OFFICE

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CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

Last Wednesday, we held our annual Christmas Dinner Day, which turned out to be a great success. We wanted to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who helped make it a memorable day.

First and foremost, a big thanks to our PTA for transforming our lunch hall with festive decor. We also appreciate Chartwells for providing delicious food, and our leadership team, including CEO James Roach and Chair of Governors Mike Dobner, for serving over 400 children and staff.

Lastly, we would like to thank our children for their outstanding behaviour throughout the day.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- End of Term - Wednesday 20th December at 2PM
- Back to School - Thursday 4th January 2024
- Reception Application Deadline - Monday 15th January 2024



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