

Carol Service

The children finished the term with a wonderful Carol Service with readings led by KS2 children. It was very special to be celebrating this in St Mary's church and a lovely way to bring the term to a close. Many thanks to Miss Johnson for organising the event. The sound of the children signing in the church was amazing and this is testament to her hard work in creating a

Basketball Competition

Ide Hill Year 3&4 basketball team competed in the Sevenoaks Suns District Basketball Championship on the 4th December and were in outstanding form with 8 children making their Ide Hill debuts helping to maintain our unbeaten record for the 2023/2024 season. The future looks very bright.



PTA Contributions

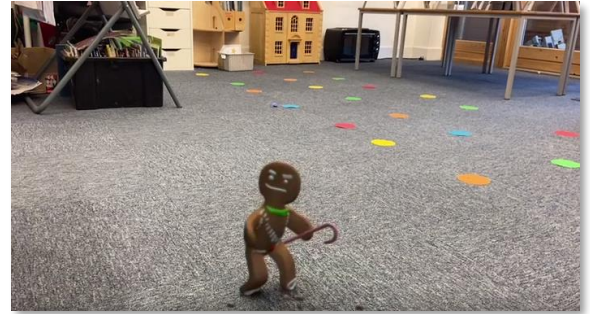
We are extremely grateful to our parents for all your donations to the PTA. Thanks to your support the PTA has been able to provide the following to the school this year:

- School year magnet calendars
- Christmas crackers and a gift for each child
- Forest School
- Basketball hoops
- Classroom refresh over summer holidays
- KS2 Festival of lights workshop

Many thanks to the PTA for your continued support to the school.

News from Elms Class

There have been some rather strange goings on in Elms Class recently. Mrs Farrar made the children some delicious gingerbread men, only to discover they had gone missing!! The children then watched this CCTV footage of the gingerbread men escaping off the baking tray and into the garden.



The children then wrote letters to them to find out where they had gone, and then wrote their very own versions of the story. The children then baked their own gingerbread man (only 1

escaped this time!) and printed their own gingerbread man Christmas Cards to take home.



Once upon a time a horse thought to make a gingerbread man. When he was cooling on the window he runned away. Soon he came to a rabbit, the rabbit said you look tasty I will eat you for my tea. Soon he came to a woodmouse. The woodmouse said you look tasty I want to eat you look tasty I want to eat you for my tea. Run run as fast as you can! A sly old fox was at the edge of the stream. The fox said jump on my tail so the gingerbread man jumped on the foxes tail. My feet are getting wet, so jump on my back then jump on my nose. Just then the fox realised he was being mean. He said I will be friends.
By Flora

A Night to Remember – by Lucas H

High above the village of LucasVille, a glowing shooting-star dashed through the silent night sky to rain joy, happiness and best of all, presents. You might know him as Klaus.

With a swift slash of the reins, he navigated the golden chariot to descend with ease. The four legged creatures (in pace with each other) went down elegantly to an icy and snowy roof owned by two un-expecting children.

As the mystical animals landed, the transporter of presents had a mishap with the icy landing pad. The

vehicle had slid launching tiles and tiles off the rooftop.

“Slow down!” Klaus said.

The magical deer slammed their hooves down to slow down to slow the carriage but Klaus already knew they had too much momentum.

“Brace yourself!” he shouted.

With a crash, the smoking beast was in pieces. Klaus jumped out, jingling unexpectedly, he had forgotten to take off his bells so he grabbed it and carefully placed them in the transporter and then he heaved the big bag over his shoulder. He swung his leg into the entrance of the chimney then the other one too and jumped down.

As he dropped, Klaus thought it was a very long chimney, as he never felt the firm ground touch his boots; he looked up to see his bag wedged in the entrance and looked down to see his footwear not on the ground.

“Uh oh..!” Klaus thought to himself. “I’m stuck”

I still wonder if it was all a dream that night.

From above me, a massive thud woke me up and I thought it was my sibling in the top bunk.

I was too tired to say anything (I also wouldn’t want to wake up my sister) I shook her bed until she did. “Go away!” she shouted at me “I am trying to sleep!” she explained.

A noise travelled across the roof making our bedroom shake and vibrate.

“Did you hear that?” I said still shaking her.

“Brace yourself!” a muffled voice said, coming from the roof.

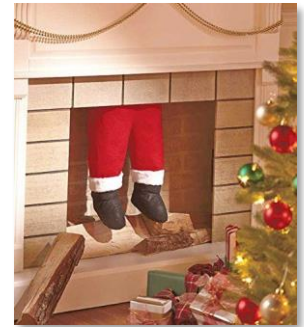
Suddenly a big crash came from the roof followed by six other crashed.

“What was that?” my sister whispered.

“I don’t know, maybe it is Santa?” I told her.

“I would say, don’t be ridiculous but what else could it be?” she said, now intrigued.

From within the bricked tube, we heard talking, but this time it was coming from downstairs. My sister and I crept into the kitchen but there was nothing there so we walked to the living room and saw shiny black boots dangling from the chimney.



Happy Birthday!	Matilda Violet
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Elms	<p>Cora - For making a huge effort with your handwriting and ensuring that, when you are doing any type of writing, that you are really trying your best.</p> <p>Richu - For your determination to always do your best and, even during SPLAT, always choosing to write or do some maths.</p>
Beech	<p>James – For super maths, excellent knowledge of the properties and 3D shapes</p> <p>Zachary – Doing really well with his spellings this term.</p>
Willows	<p>Imogen - For her enthusiasm and expertise in our Science learning. She always participates and has lots of good ideas.</p> <p>Lottie - For her caring and kind nature with her friends. She plays with them all and it is a pleasure to watch. She fantastic example of how friends should be with one another.</p>
Hazel	<p>All of Hazel Class - For working together and helping everyone doing their best. Well done!</p>
Ash	<p>Lana - For her positive attitude towards her learning and for always bringing a smile & joy to the class</p> <p>Winston - For his ever-enthusiastic attitude and his perseverance in tasks</p>
Oaks	<p>All of Oaks Class - For their amazing effort in their learning and the compassion and kindness they show each other every single day</p>



Merry Christmas

We wish all of our families a fantastic Christmas and a very happy new year! We will see you in January.

Merry
Christmas

Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

2 nd January	Back to School
29 th January	Young Voices at the O2