

## Headteacher Message

Another week has flown by! This week, our school has been buzzing with excitement and activity, particularly surrounding the preparations for the EYFS and KS1 Nativity. A huge well done to all the children who participated in the Nativity. Your performances were truly outstanding, and the hard work you put into rehearsing was evident. Everyone spoke so clearly and the dances and songs were great. Many of you got fully into the role! A special mention must go to our dedicated staff, whose tireless efforts, time, and enthusiasm made this event possible. We are grateful for their commitment to making the Nativity a memorable experience for everyone involved. It was wonderful to see so many parents and family members in attendance, sharing in the joy and festive spirit. Your support means the world to us and the children. Looking ahead to next week, we have another packed schedule filled with festive cheer:

- **Christmas Craft Event (Tuesday):** We are still looking for volunteers to help make this event a success. If you are available, please let us know. We anticipate it being a fantastic day for all involved.
- **KS2 Carol Concert:** Our Key Stage 2 students will be showcasing their musical talents. We are very much looking forward to this afternoon.
- **Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day:** A day of fun and festivity, where everyone is encouraged to wear their favourite Christmas jumper.

We are excited about the events and activities lined up and are sure they will bring joy to our school community. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in making our school a vibrant and welcoming place.

Wishing you a restful weekend (if that is possible at this time or year) and looking forward to another wonderful week ahead!

## Winter Mini Reading Challenge

Please see the link below for information regarding the winter reading challenge taking place in Kent Libraries. <https://www.kelsi.org.uk/news-and-events/news/primary/the-winter-mini-reading-challenge-at-kent-libraries>

## PTA Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the fair and came along. It was a brilliant day and we hope everyone had a fun time. The total raised was £2,800. A brilliant amount of money for the school.

Some of the funds raised have already been put to good use. Tea, coffee and cake has been provided for the parents after the nativity in the hall. £500 has been given for the craft day on Tuesday and will provide everything needed for the day. The PTA fund will also be used to buy the crackers for the children when they have their Christmas lunch and a present from Santa. Thank you again for all your hard work during this busy time.

Well done to Max (Ash) and Freya (Saplings) who won the treasure hunt!

Merry Christmas from The PTA!

## Christmas Tree Festival

At Ide Hill School this year, we took on the theme of hearts and stars. We thought about who were our stars at Christmas and put their names and pictures on our star decorations. Could they be members of our family, people who take the time to help others during this period, the people who have to work over Christmas? We also thought about who might need love and care over Christmas

and put these in our heart decorations. Could they be people who are lonely, children who will not get presents, the homeless or people in our family that need that extra bit of love?

Thank you to all of the children who sang at the Church Service on Sunday – you all sang beautifully! Another thank you to the children who participated in the church readings.



Next Week	
16 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Centre Piece Workshop
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Craft Event
18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Service at St Marys Church – 2pm
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch Clubs go live to book on SchoolGateway at 2PM
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term



<p><b>Elms</b></p>	<p><b>Eva</b> - For your amazing contribution to the nativity. You always joined in to our songs with such enthusiasm!</p> <p><b>Jack W</b> - For always being such a kind and considerate friend. You are a super role model to others and embrace our values of love, respect and responsivity</p>
<p><b>Beech</b></p>	<p><b>Corinne</b> - Excellent ideas for writing a diary and speaking confidently in our Christmas play.</p> <p><b>Jasper</b> - Super understanding of subtracting a 2 digit number from another number and crossing ten.</p> <p><b>All of Beech Class</b> - For their amazing singing, acting and dancing in our Christmas production.</p>
<p><b>Willows</b></p>	<p><b>Lilly</b> - For her beautiful use of Chiaroscuro (light and dark) in her charcoal picture of a mug. The shading was excellent.</p> <p><b>Bow</b> - For her excellent perseverance and enthusiasm for all we do in class. She is a great role model for how to progress in our learning.</p>
<p><b>Hazel</b></p>	<p><b>Imogen</b> - For being so incredibly kind and supportive to all her friends. You are a good role model for our school values!</p> <p><b>Hanna</b> - For improving her handwriting and presentation across the curriculum and for her excellent behaviour for learning.</p>
<p><b>Ash</b></p>	<p><b>Mia</b> - Your positivity towards your work in school is such a valuable energy to have in the class. You are also learning to be more analytical when editing your writing, this will serve you well as we progress through Y5</p> <p><b>Felix</b> - Your commitment to your work in our English lessons this term has ensured you have made good progress with using the Writers Knowledge to edit and improve your work and show your fabulous creativity. Well done!</p>
<p><b>Oaks</b></p>	<p><b>Freddie</b> - For his enthusiastic bird spotting at Bore Place</p> <p><b>Elliott</b> - For his incredible effort in improving his writing when composing a formal letter</p>