



## Hummingbird Class Newsletter

### **Messages**

Wow! What a fantastic attitude our children have shown in the run up to Christmas! The children have made us so incredibly proud when performing in their nativity and they all looked fantastic in their costumes and jumpers. Thank you for coming to watch your amazing children and for providing them with their costumes.

### **English**

We have almost come to the end of our current English unit which is based on the text *Toys in Space* by Mini Grey. The children have loved exploring the characters from this exciting story and they have developed their writing skills such as creating noun phrases, using prepositions and using a range of sentence types. Next week the children will apply these skills when they write a story based on *Toys in Space*.

### **Maths**

We have now completed our multiplication and division unit of maths and next half-term, we will begin the topic of measurement. If you would like to help your child with some maths at home, practicing the column method for addition and subtraction would be very beneficial. As always, we also encourage the children to practice their 2, 5 and 10 times tables including their corresponding division facts.

### **Phonics**

The children are currently being assessed for their phonics and many children may have moved on to the next group which will commence after the Christmas break. Reading is one of the most important and integral skills for our children at Whiston Willis and we continue to encourage all parents to read with their children for at least 10 minutes per evening. All children have now been provided with Reading Records and books to taken home. Please record any home reading in their record books after each reading session as well as any quizzes the children may have completed on Accelerated Reader (this only applies to free readers). Thank you.

### **School Uniform**

Can we please ask parents that our school uniform policy is still being adhered to (see our school website) and to ensure that their child's uniform is clearly labelled. This helps children and staff to locate lost jumpers, cardigans and coats, should the children have taken them off during play times or PE. Thank you for your support.

### **Fidget toys**

Please can we remind parents that toys are not to be brought into school unless your child has a specific educational need and this has been discussed with class teacher. Unfortunately, many children have been bringing toys into school which not only causes a distraction to their learning but these toys may also become lost or damaged.

### **Academic Excellence**

Well done to the following children for achieving our "Star of the Week" certificate and our "Rights Respector" award:  
**Eleanor and Ben.**

### **Dates for your diary:**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day. Ks1 dinner is free of charge however, Christmas dinner is the only option for this day.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Party day. Children may wear their own clothes.

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact the school office or during drop-off/pick-up time, should you need to discuss anything. Have a lovely weekend.

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