



DECEMBER NEWS

NURSERY AND RECEPTION LEARNERS – A SMASH HIT!



Wow! We are so proud of our Reception and Nursery learners this month who have worked tirelessly to put on an incredible performance of Whoops-A-Daisy Angel, which the whole school got a sneak peek at on Tuesday. We are sure that you will all enjoy seeing their Excellence, Aspiration and Resilience on display over the coming days and we look forward to welcoming you into school this week to celebrate this tremendous achievement with them.

Huge thanks to Miss Williams, Mrs Harvey and all the Early Years Team for their efforts in preparing the learners for this special production!

ATTENDANCE

At this tricky time of year, we thank you all for supporting us in ensuring that every child's attendance remains high.

In November, our attendance was:

Nursery	93.1%
Reception	94.4%
Year 1	94.4%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	95.7%
Year 4	96.5%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	95.5%



Well done to Year 4 for securing the highest attendance levels this month!

PARKING



We actively encourage all learners to walk to school wherever possible, this is not only good for the environment but also offers much needed fresh-air at the start and end of the day. If, however, you do need to use your car to drop off or collect learners from the school we kindly ask that you are considerate and courteous when parking along the roads outside the school. We understand that parking is an issue around the school, but we very much value our neighbours welfare and ask that everyone ensures exits and driveways are kept clear at all times.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY!



As in previous years, Redbrook Hayes will be supporting Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 15th December 2017. Learners across the school are invited to wear their own clothes and Christmas jumpers in exchange for a donation to Save the Children. We understand that this can be an expensive time of year, so any donation you can make to this worthy cause is gratefully received.

TERRIFIC TUDOR TIMES



Years 1 and 2 have been off out exploring again this month – this time visiting the Ancient High House in Stafford as part of their learning on the Great Fire of London. This visit has been an essential part of their learning adventure this half term and we were delighted to see their new knowledge being put to good use this week as they re-designed London following the 'Great Fire'.

Special thanks to all of the volunteers who supported our learners on this invaluable experience.

CHRISTMAS CHEER



Learners in Nursery were in for a real treat when they visited Birches Valley last week to meet up with the big man himself before he sets off on his journey back to the North Pole. Everyone had a fantastic time and we would like to thank all of the staff and volunteers who helped to make this visit incredible for our learners.

Congratulations to our amazing Year 6 quiz team who represented Redbrook Hayes in the Hart School's annual Christmas Quiz. We were delighted with the loyalty, aspiration and most importantly respect you all demonstrated during this activity – we couldn't be more proud of you all!

Finally may we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to sharing this festive season with all of you at the upcoming Christmas events and productions.





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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 6 th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Play – 9.30am*
Thursday 7 th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Play – 9.30am*
Thursday 7 th December	Year 1-6 Christmas Play - <i>Costumes into school on this day please.</i>
Friday 8 th December	Year 3 to visit The Laurel's carol singing*
Tuesday 12 th December	Reception Educational Visit to Ash End Farm*
Tuesday 12 th December	Years 1- 6 Christmas Play – 1.30pm*
Wednesday 13 th December	Years 1- 6 Christmas Play – 1.30pm and 5.30pm* <i>Learners to arrive in school for 5.00pm for the evening performance please.</i>
Thursday 14 th December	Years 1- 6 Christmas Play – 1.30pm*
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day – donations in aid of Save the Children.
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Dinner*
Monday 18 th December	Curriculum Enhancement Day*
Tuesday 19 th December	Last day of term.

* Please see individual letters for more information regarding the events listed.



CAN WE HELP THIS CHRISTMAS?

You may be entitled to receive the Pupil Premium grant which not only covers the cost of school meals and trips if you are in receipt of certain benefits, but also provides vital additional funds to support your child in school. This can be particularly helpful on the run up to the festive period. Please ask at the school office or access the website below for more information on eligibility and to make use of this valuable resource for your child!

<https://www.staffordshire.aov.uk/education/educationalawardsbenefits/FreeSchoolMeals/home.aspx>

TIME FOR A CHRISTMAS CLEAR OUT

If you are having a clear-out of unwanted toys at any point over the Christmas break our Explorers are always on the look-out for donations of good-quality toys. At this time they are particularly seeking:

If you have any of these items you would be willing to donate, please speak to Miss Tasha in Explorers or Mrs Hughes in the school office. **Thank you for your consideration**