



HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been an absolute delight to be part of the EYFS and KS1 Nativity shows this week- I am always so impressed at the children's confidence in speaking and singing in front of such a large audience. Collectively they were amazing and there were some phenomenal individual performances – how they remembered so many lines and solo songs I don't know! You may have noticed that the cinema night has been postponed to next term- I think the fundraisers deserve a rest after all their efforts this term!

Its Christmas dinner, jumper and KS concert day on Wednesday so hopefully I will see lots of you there- even if you have children in KS1 you can join us for a sing a long if you wish!

Mr Garner

Reception

This half term, our theme has been Sparkle and Shine. We have been learning about different festivals, celebrations and events, including Diwali, Guy Fawkes night, Remembrance Sunday, Advent and Christmas.

As part of Talk for Writing, we read the story Owl Babies. The children learned to tell the story, using a story map and they completed some writing activities, using their phonics skills. They also enjoyed lots of imaginative and creative owl themed activities.

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been very busy learning the songs and rehearsing for the Nativity play. The children were amazing in the performances. Well done Reception!

Online Safety Over Christmas

In assemblies today we focussed on staying safe online- especially over Christmas when children might get new devices.

Internet Matters' CEO has shared advice with busy parents to put online safety measures in place now ahead of the hectic festive season for peace of mind – which the Government has welcomed.

Eight in ten of those parents who are more relaxed about their children's online activity want to be less strict simply because 'it's Christmas.

Of the same group, three quarters say their children will be allowed to spend more time online over Christmas and over a quarter will be on social media more often.

More information can be found [here](#)



Thank you so much for supporting our Christmas Fair last week – just over £3,000 was raised at the event which will be put towards playground improvements in the New Year. Lots more events planned for next year.

Movie Night

Unfortunately, our movie night next Tuesday will not be going ahead. Good news however, it will be rescheduled for early in the new year.



Diary Dates



Reminder – NO CLUBS RUNNING W/C 15TH DECEMBER (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF JUDO CLUB, WHICH WILL BE RUNNING)

Wednesday 17th December
Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day / KS2 Christmas Concert
2.45pm – 3.30pm

Friday 19th December Last Day of Term 3.15pm

Monday 5th January INSET day (school closed)

Tuesday 6th January First Day of Spring Term

Click here to view the full school calendar:

<https://www.woodenhillprimary.co.uk/calendar/?calendar=1,2&pid=8&viewid=1>

Weekly Attendance

Whole school attendance:	96%
Top class for attendance:	Linnet 99%

