



Note from Mrs Cole

Didn't they do well! I am sure you will join me in congratulating all the children from across the school for their wonderful school productions. I had the privilege of being able to see the progression from our youngest children performing simple rhymes with homemade hats, to our children in Year 2 who wowed us this year with soul, mash ups and hip hop! Congratulations to all who performed and thank you to all the staff for their hard work in bringing these productions together.

As we reach the end of the first term of this school year, I would like to say thank you to all who make our school such a wonderful place to learn, work and visit. To the staff for their continued dedication to the children here at the school, our Governors for the time they give to ensuring we live up to our own high expectations, our Friends of Malvern Way for working so hard to fundraise and build a sense of community and also to our army of volunteers who contribute in so many different ways. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a very happy new year.



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Important Dates

06/01	First day back to school
09/01	Reception Health Screening
30/01	Chinese New Year lunch
30/01	9.30 am Nursery tour for prospective parents
04/02	Year 2 Chinese Dragon Workshop
06/02	9.30 am Nursery tour for prospective parents
10/02	Start of Feeling Good, Feeling Safe week

Junior School Applications

A reminder to our Year 2 parents that the application process for transition to junior school is now open and closes on 15th January.

Gifts for the Elderly

Thanks to all of you who donated a gift. We were again this year able to deliver a gift for each resident at Shaftesbury Court and Croxley House who were very grateful.

What's Been Happening

Christingle Service



Our classes enjoyed their recent visit to St Oswald's church to take part in a Christingle service as part of our learning in RE about why Christians observe Advent and celebrate Christmas. In particular, thanks to Rev. Robert for leading our services and also to Mrs Ilahi for organising the event.

Our Nursery children had their own visit to St Oswald's to learn about the Christmas story.

Little Green Christmas Performance



Year 2 had an opportunity to visit Little Green when they were invited to the Year 4 Christmas production. I understand that both the children and teachers were amazed at the quality of the performance – certainly something to aspire to.

Christmas Tree Festival

Well done to our Year 1 children who took part in the Christmas tree festival at the Methodist church. They also enjoyed a visit to the church to see all of the trees that had been created by groups across our local community.



Visit from Father Christmas



Party day ended with a visit from Father Christmas. He reminded all the children that he would visit them again next week but only if they were asleep and didn't get up too early!

Family Support Worker Coffee Morning

We held our first coffee morning last week with Debbie Greenfield who is a Family Support worker. Debbie will be holding further coffee mornings in the new term for any parents who wish to discuss any concerns they have about the development of their child.

Pantomime Trip and Aesops Theatre

What a fabulous time we had visiting the pantomime at Watersmeet. It really is lovely to see the enjoyment, and awe and laughter on the children's faces. Our Nursery children also had a super party day enjoying 'The Gingerbread Man' from Aesops Theatre.



Christmas Dinner

The children always enjoy wearing their festive hat and having lunch served by their teachers. Big thanks to Mrs Herlock and her team at Herts Catering for their hard work preparing Christmas dinner.



Useful Information

Everbridge



The school uses the Everbridge school closure notification system to alert parents in the event that the school is unable to open. As we are approaching the winter season, I would encourage all parents to sign up or check logins from last year.

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/login>

Each contact can register up to 2 devices for each communication type (SMS and e-mail). If you have children at more than one school you can register for each school in a single registration process by selecting all schools your children attend. Once registered, you will receive messages relating to the status of your school/schools. This system will be used in conjunction with Parentmail already used in school.

Christmas Tree Thanks!

We would like to say a huge thank you to Colin Bushell of Bushell and Bushell Carpentry for donating and delivering our lovely Christmas tree again this year.

Friends of Malvern Way Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to our new team for a very successful Christmas Fair which took a whopping £2,742.68 on the day!!!

Christmas Jumper Swap Shop

Unfortunately this wasn't a big success however thanks to those who did donate to the Christmas jumper swap shop, we raised £9.80 for Children in Need.

Headteacher Awards



- Owl: Joseph, Reece, Milo, Isla
Robin: Jack, Chloe, Louis, Heidi, Megan, Benjamin
Rabbit: Ollie
Ladybird: Zachary P, Annie, Isabelle, Noah, Rudi, Anna, Krish
Bumble bee: Alice K, Jamie, Leah, Joshua, Helena, Nathan
Shield bug: Chloe, Abigail, Madhav

Badge Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who have received a badge since our last newsletter:

Being Independent Learners ~ Dexter, Sameer

Good Listeners ~ Michaela, Khushi

Polite ~ Rhonni, Andrei, Emily, Teddy, Caelan, Samuel, Joshua, Luke, Jack, Fred, Hamdaan, Udit, Olivia, Scarlett, Mia, Evan, Lilia, Lara, Jayden, Christopher, Anna, Annabelle J, Stanley, Betsy, Kenny, Jack, Isabel, Elsie

Kind & Thoughtful ~ Oliver, Sienna, George, Emma, Lara, Rudi

Good Friend ~ Rufus, Leah, Lorna, Arthur, Avni, Florence, Courtney, Corey, Edith, Bobby, Sebastian, Ellie, Lucas, Isaac, Louis G

Care of the Environment ~ Harry, Alyssa, Sophia, Autumn, Arabella, Amelia, Sam, Noah



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