



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have enjoyed a great week in school. There has been a mix of 'lessons as normal', based on areas that our most recent assessments showed that we need to revisit, and a whole host of fun activities too. For those who say that the children 'don't do much' in the last week before Christmas, this has absolutely not been the case!

On Monday, Hedgehogs class had their movie and pyjama afternoon. It was great to see that our parent (and baby!) helpers joined the vibe and wore pyjamas for the afternoon. Mr Troman provided a fitness session for each class, and the Christmas music was enjoyed by all. The children had a great time and were certainly active throughout the session. Thank you to Mr Troman for his fantastic PE offering across the year. He really gets to know the children and plans his lessons meticulously to meet the needs of each class and each learner. His passion shines through and the children benefit so much from his teaching. We also saw our KS2 pupils take part in a friendly, 'yet fierce' dodgeball competition against Stockland. Thank you to Stockland (and all their fantastic adult supporters) for such a great event but a huge well done to our school team for being the overall winners.

Tuesday saw the whole school and Little Acorns visit Westlands Entertainment Venue for the pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast'. The children had a fantastic time and were very vocal with their singing and shouting! It was lovely to see them enjoying a live performance. Many thanks to Axminster Kitchen for providing a special lunch to accommodate our visit. Thank you also to Friends of School for paying for the coach travel costs as this saved parents around £8 per child. Experiencing a live theatre performance is such a joy and the involvement of the children showed it's true worth.

On Wednesday, the children enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch with all the trimmings. They had party music playing, Friends of School provided crackers, and they were busy telling each other their cracker jokes. After lunch, Coach Dom and I arranged a whole school Christmas quiz and party games afternoon. The green team were the overall winners and were treated to an extra play for their win. All the teams showed a great sporting attitude, and it was fantastic to see the children all get so involved and working so well within their teams. It was a noisy but fun afternoon!

Thursday was pyjama and onesie day, following the visit and treat awarded from Father Christmas last week. Each class was gifted a hamper with hot chocolate, marshmallows, sweets and popcorn as a lovely snack to accompany their films. Each class watched a film of their choice and had a great afternoon.



On Friday, the children had a chance to take part in Christmas quizzes and arts and craft activities in their own classes. At the end of the day on Friday, Year 6 took home their brand new hoodies – so look out for the brand-new individual colour choices which will be seen in school from Tuesday 6th January! We've all had a fun filled week and we know that everyone has left school excited for the Christmas holiday and looking forward to spending time with their friends and families.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on **Tuesday 6th January** ready for the new term (and with Year 6 wearing those fabulous new hoodies!).

With best wishes from, Mrs Donna Butler (Head of School)

Our Core Value
this half term is:

**Making Good
Choices**

Spring 1 Clubs –

**Monday – Gymnastics
Club (YR – 3) Mr
Troman & Mr Jarad**

**Monday – Maths Club
(Y5-6) Mrs Whitehead**

**Wednesday – Multi-
sports Club (Y3 – 6)
Coach Dom YTFC**

**Thursday –
Construction Club (All
Years) Mr Evans**

**Thursday – Forest
School First Aid Club
(All Years) Mrs
Gordon-Watson**

**After school childcare
is also available
Monday – Thursday
3.30-5.30pm**

Thought for the Week:



Attendance – last week

Whole School – 95.7%



Classes:

Hedgehogs Class – R

Squirrels Class – Y1/2

Owls Class – Y3/4

Foxes Class – Y5/6