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Wednesday 20th December

Dear families,

As always this term has been busy with plenty of learning and extracurricular activities. There have been many successes, which include: winning the library summer reading challenge; being awarded a Bronze Award for our Young Carers work; and introducing our revamped curriculum. The children have really engaged with the first cycle: People of the World which we hope families who came to our oracy endpoints could see. We have now begun Cycle Two: What a Wonderful World – this will continue after Christmas and dates for the oracy endpoint will follow.

We have finished the term with our Reception children's first performance to families. Their nativity was full of amazing singing, dancing and narration. We definitely have some stars in the making. Key Stage 1 and 2 have also preformed their Christmas singing extravaganza. Due to the number of families we now have in school they did this over 4 performances. The singing and signing was excellent as always. A very big thank-you to all of the adults who have been working tirelessly to ensure these performances are enjoyable for the children and families and that they run smoothly!



Today we are saying farewell to Mrs Bowman who has secured a new position at Thomas Whitehead Academy. We wish her all the best in her new job and huge thank-you for all of the work she has done supporting our children.

In our celebration assemblies today, we have given out 93, 100% attendance awards – this is the largest number yet. It isn't easy to have 100% attendance so a very well done to all of the children who have managed this. You will have 2 raffle tickets entered into the end of year prize draw. Attendance this term has been higher than this time last year; whole school attendance is currently at 94% for the year so far. I hope we can continue to improve this over the year and hit our target of 97% across the school.

Thank-you to the Friends of Tithe Farm who have reformed and begun organising events to raise additional funds for the school. The raffle was drawn yesterday and prizes are waiting for collection. If you bought raffle tickets, please look on the Friends of Tithe Farm Facebook page for the winning numbers and come to school to collect your prize.

After Christmas we are welcoming HCL who are our new catering company. By now, you will have received an email from School Grid which is the new ordering system for school dinners. Please activate your account and pre-order dinners as soon as you can for the Spring Term. **If you are finding it difficult to activate your account you can call HCL on 01506 300310 or email then at support@schoolgrid.co.uk. Members of the office team will be available between 2:00 -3:00pm on Wednesday 3rd January – please pop in so they can try and help you.**

The week commencing Monday 15th January, work will begin on the Key Stage 2 playground. The old climbing equipment is being removed and new flooring and equipment will be installed. The children have

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chosen the equipment which is to be installed so we are sure it will be a hit once it is ready to use. It is anticipated that this will take 6 working days. It shouldn't impact school drop off and collection as it is on the playground however please ensure that no children are on the playground at the end or beginning of the school day.

On behalf of all staff, I would like to thank you for the lovely gifts which have been received and wish you all a restful and peaceful Christmas and New Year and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Thursday 4th January 2024 at 8:35am ready for more learning about our Wonderful World.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Worsfold
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