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Dear Parents and Carers,

Nursery pupils have entertained their parents this week with a sing-along. To see so many children standing in front of an audience singing with actions was such a pleasure. Some of these pupils are only 2 and 3 years old. We are so proud of them.

Reception performed yesterday afternoon. Their version of the Christmas Story is lovely. Parents are going to be in for a real treat this evening. The children performed brilliantly.

On Thursday, it's a Christmas themed non-uniform day for pupils. Pupils can also bring in a toy or game to play with. Please ensure these are not valuable and are appropriate for school e.g.: not skates, toy guns or swords. Year 5 and 6 may bring in devices (not mobile phones) and we will give children the opportunity to have these locked away during breaks - pupils will be expected to take some responsibility for looking after them. It is also Xmas dinner day- yum yum!

The performance tables for schools were released last week. On every measure in KS2 we are placed within the **top twenty** of Coventry schools compared with 100 others. For reading levels we are placed **3<sup>rd</sup>** and St Christopher is also **top** of the table for vulnerable pupils achieving expected levels – this places us in the top 20 schools for disadvantaged schools Nationally (20,000 schools). We are extremely pleased.

On our return to school part of our school roof is being replaced. This will mean that the pathway between the main entrance (Winsford Avenue) to the playground will be blocked off. This path will be closed for approximately three weeks. Please therefore use the Brookside or Allesley Old Road entrance to school. It may take a little longer but some extra steps after Christmas may be welcome by some!

It is Mrs Toller's last day tomorrow before she leaves us to take up post in the SEND department in Coventry Council. We wish Mrs Toller the very best of luck in her new job and look forward to welcoming Mrs Iliff back from Maternity Leave.

Finally, on behalf of staff and governors I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas. I hope you all enjoy the festivities and have a well-deserved rest. School re-opens to pupils on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Robinson  
Headteacher BEd Hons. NPQH

### WEEKLY FOCUS

**Assembly Focus: Why is Christmas celebrated?**

**Musical Inspiration: Merry Christmas Everyone – Shakin' Stevens**

**Language Word of the week: say Merry Christmas to each other in Spanish say Feliz Navidad (Fel-eez Navidad)**

### SPORTS NEWS

As the Autumn term draws to a close, it is a pertinent time to look back on the last few months and reflect on the progress that the children have made in sporting competitions and fixtures. In October, the Boys and Girls Football Teams enjoyed fine wins in friendly matches with St John's Primary. A week later, the Year 3 & 4 Football Team were runners up in the 5-a-side Football competition held at the AT7 centre. The boys drew plaudits from other schools for their play, approach and behaviour, posing for photos with the winners despite being disappointed at losing in the final. Also in October our Boys and Girls Biathlon Teams came 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively when competing with 25 other schools. The girls won through to the county final; the boys narrowly missing out. In November our girls won through to the Coventry Primary School Sports Association final for the third year in a row following wins over Whitmore Park, Ernesford Grange and Southfields. The following week the Boys Football Team travelled to Keresley Grange in the Harry Shaw Cup and came away with a fine 3-0 win with a tremendous team performance. In the same week, the Girls Biathlon team competed in the L3 County Final in Nuneaton winning a trophy for their spirit, sportsmanship and attitude. The following weekend our Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Team defended the CPSSA trophy that the school won last year beating Manor Park, Christ the King and Pearl Hyde. The success meant that for the second year running the Girls Football team would represent Coventry at the West Midlands County Final. The girls followed this up with a 3-2 league win over Finham Primary showing fantastic resilience coming from 2-0 down. The Y5/6 netball team travelled to St Anne's and secured a 4-1 win in the Netball Cup Competition to cap off a very successful month for our teams. As we moved into December, the fixtures kept on coming! Our girl footballers travelled to Nechells in Birmingham to defend the West Midlands County Shield and came so close to retaining it, losing out in the final. Our Sportshall Athletics team won the indoor athletics team for the third year running and will feature in the All Coventry Final after Christmas. Our netball team won a tightly fought league match at home to Moseley Primary in very cold conditions. The weather then played a part in a number of cancellations as the snow put paid to a Basketball and Hockey match at Moseley Primary and the Cross-Country races at Bablake Fields.

Mr. Coyle would like to thank the staff Miss Knighton, Mr Scullion, Miss Bath and Mrs McNulty and particularly the parents who have supported him and the children allowing them to experience some fantastic sporting opportunities and creating memories for some that will last a life time.



# Pupil of the Week Awards



## Pupil of the Week Awards go to:

Eve - 1C: being a kind friend and always trying her best.

Emmie - 1W: great improvements in handwriting. Fantastic work Emmie!

Jayden - 2A: trying his best in all lessons this week! He has been joining in, getting on and helping others. Well done!

Caleb - 2K: excellent effort with his reading and spellings. Keep up the great work Caleb!

Tommy - 3B: for working really hard to always make the right choices throughout the whole school day. I'm very proud of Tommy's attitude in school, keep it up!

Arabella - 3T: approaching everything she does with enthusiasm and a determination to succeed. Being a kind and thoughtful member of the class.

Holli - 4N: her excellent effort across all lessons and her 'can-do' attitude.

Beatrice - 4T: her hard work in all lessons and her exceptional progress in writing.

Shayan - 5G: consistently producing high quality homework. Shayan puts in a lot of effort and this shows in his work.

Alana - 5P: the enthusiasm that Alana shows in all lessons, trying hard to achieve at all times.

Jak - 6H: making excellent contributions in the Year 6 Science afternoon.

Ellie - 6L: her fantastic enthusiasm, listening and thoughtful contributions during a science demonstration.

Pen  
Award  
Ruby - 5P

**Well done to all of the above pupils**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (further dates/information to follow, please be aware that some dates may change):

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017

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Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July/Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**School closed to pupils on:**

**Staff Training:** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Reception Christmas Performance – 5.30 pm

**Christmas Meal/Christmas Jumper/Toy or Game Day**

Nursery closed to pupils - letter sent out

Year 6 Young Voices - further details to follow

Mid-Year Reports to go out

Drop in re: Mid-Year Reports (**please note change of date**)

World Book Day

Sports Relief Day

Parents Evening

Parents Evening

KS2 SATs week

Skern Lodge Parents Meeting

Reception/Year 6 Photos

Moving on Day/Year 6 Ball

Year 6 Performance tbc

Reports sent home

## ATTENDANCE BY YEAR GROUP

