



Dear Parents and Carers

This week saw the Y3 and Y4 Christmas concerts conclude our Christmas performances. It was packed with poems, songs and music from our violinists. There were beautiful songs by candlelight and the year 4 rewrite of the



12 Days of Christmas was great fun. Despite the issue with the light fitting at the evening performance, both performances were a great success - well done to the children and staff involved.

As some of you will know, the hall is currently out of action because of the broken light fitting. We do have electricians coming in soon to resolve this, but as I understand it, the lights are the 48-year-old originals from when the school was built, so I need everyone to keep their fingers crossed so that, hopefully, we only need to replace one fitting and the others are OK!

All the kitchen and school staff did an amazing job to ensure that the Christmas lunch still went ahead with the usual songs, crackers and fun despite not having access to the hall.

As we reach the end of term, we are sad to be saying goodbye to Caroline Glover, our School Business Manager, who is retiring after 18 years with us. She keeps the school running, and I know that it was her diligence that got the school back up and running after the recent flood.

Sue Stevens, who is our clerk to the Governors, is also leaving us. As well as her clerking responsibilities, she puts together the newsletter, updates the website and helps with PE fixtures, plus a myriad of other tasks.

Both will be sorely missed, and we wish them all the best in their next ventures.

From January, Mrs Fawkes will take on the role of School Business Manager and we welcome Mrs Flanagan-Jones who will be joining the admin team.

And finally, I would like to thank you all for making my first term at The Lea so perfect. It has been a pleasure to meet so many of you on the playground. A big thank you also has to go to all the staff who have helped me navigate my way through the term.

I hope that you all have a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Keep safe, enjoy the holidays and see you all in 2024!

Tracey Berry
Head Teacher



DATES FOR THE DIARY

December 2023

Tue 19, 9am-12:30pm Y1-6 Panto
Wed 20 Term Ends (1.15pm)

January 2024

Thu 4 Inset Day
Fri 5 Start of Term
Mon 15 Young Voices at the O2
Mon 22, 7-8:30pm Governors Resources Mtg
Mon 29, 7-8:30pm Governors TLC Meeting

February 2024

Tue 6, 12:30-4pm Y5/6 Mixed Tag Rugby
Mon 19 - Fri 23 Half Term
Tue 27, 3:30-6pm Y3/4 Rapid Fire Cricket
Thu 29, 7-9pm Governors FGB Meeting

March 2024

Tue 5, 1:15-3:45pm Y5/6 Boys Football
Thu 7, 7-9pm In-house Governor Training
Thu 14, 9:30-3:30pm Y5/6 Hockey Competition
Wed 20, 1:30-4pm Y5/6 Netball Rally
Tue 26 Spring Music Festival
Thu 28 Term Ends (1:15pm)

For a longer term view of key dates please visit our school website at <https://lea-pri.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/calendar>

LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

TLC club Inset day - whole school
Zumba cancelled - whole school

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



Our attendance target is 97%. Total attendance for last week was 95%.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Violin Exam Success

Congratulations to Yr5 violinists Trina for passing Grade 3 with merit and Noah C for passing Grade 1 With merit!



Our Class Word of the Week

Talk to your child about this word and what it means. Try to use it in everyday conversation at home.

<u>Nursery</u> decorate	<u>Reception</u> frolicking	<u>Year 1</u> vertices
<u>Year 2</u> rigid	<u>Year 3</u> barren	<u>Year 4</u> celestial
<u>Year 5</u> prejudice	<u>Year 6</u> ascertain	

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PTA

Hello from your PTA,

We would like to start by saying a big thank you, we've raised a whopping £784.16 collectively for our wreath making evening, festive film night, and rainbow raffle.

Our film night was a great evening, it was so lovely to see all the children's faces when Santa came to visit! We would like to say a special thank you to Santa himself for making it extra special for the children.

We have gifted £500 to the school council after they delivered a great proposal this week. We will keep you updated on the resources they decide to purchase.

Thank you again for all your help and support this term. We hope you all have a fantastic Christmas & New year!

EXTERNAL NOTICES

Musical progression opportunities from January 2024

All activities take place at St Albans Music School, based at Townsend School, High Oaks, St Albans AL3 6DR. Rehearsals commence from 9th January 2024.

- **Ukulele Bandits** - Tuesdays, 4:30 - 5:15pm
Learn from scratch, or develop, your ukulele playing skills at an affordable price
- **Fife Club** - Wednesdays, 4:30 - 5:15pm
A affordable gateway into woodwind playing – learn to play fife (a small flute) together with others, in a fun, ensemble setting
- **St Albans Musical Voices** - Thursdays, 4:30 - 5:15pm
A regional choir for children across the area to sing, develop confidence and make new friends.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. For more information and to sign up, please visit www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/st-albans-music-school .

For any enquiries, please contact stalbanmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk, or telephone 01438 845299 on weekdays 3:30 – 7:00pm during term time.

AWARDS



Team Points

Emerald was the winning team this week. 5 children received their GOLD certificates for 100 team points this term. Well done!



The Lea Superstars

Nursery

Nihaara

For great phonics- you know the first 5 sounds. Amazing !!

Reception

Ethan & Leo

For engaging well across all areas of school.

Year 1

Archie

For phenomenal phonics.

Pedro

For excellent descriptive writing using capital letters and full stops.

Year 2

Kiaan

For great work in maths and having a good attitude all round in his learning.

Year 3

Whole Class

For fantastic singing, speaking and performing in our Y3 & 4 Christmas Concerts. You were all amazing!

Year 4

Whole Class

For fantastic performances at our concerts.

Josh

For great improvement in the presentation of his work.

Year 5

Travis, Olivia & Hayden

For writing a thoughtfully composed piece of descriptive writing.

Year 6

George & Caspian

For putting a lot of effort into their writing.

Sports

Lenny (Y2)

For having a great term in PE trying his best in all PE lessons with a positive attitude to his learning!

Gabe (Y4)

For demonstrating some excellent Football skills at Football club. Well done!



SNOW WHITE

In the Abbey Theatre, St Albans, Jan 13th and 14th

And in the EMC, Harpenden, Jan 25th -28th 2024

It's off to work we go! The Hurst Children's Theatre Group are back in their traditional January slot with their traditional Panto –this time, **Snow White**! As usual, they will have their own spin on the old yarn, not least Princess Ana from Frozen who keeps turning up in the wrong story!

Snow White will have to face the evil Queen with the help of her friends and young Elves –collectively known as the National Elf Service. The Well Fairy will watch over proceedings which include flashes of magic, a talking mirror, a whole chorus of Jesters, the panto Dame and the evil Bad Bert with his trusty sparrow, Jack!

The boisterous cast of 100 children will knock your socks off with their unrivalled singing - making the World a better place for 100 minutes or so! Old songs, modern songs, some rock n roll and of course an audience singalong, will have you toe-tapping your way all the way home with a smile on your face.

This Pantomime is suitable for all ages and a wonderful outing for all the family. There are currently seats available for all performances, but they often sell out, so book now! For tickets, see our website: www.hurstchildrenstheatre.com

We hope to see you there!

