

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December

## Flash Back

Last week we really started to feel in the Christmas spirit, with lots of Christmassy activities creeping into classes' timetables!

- On Monday, the PTA organised and ran our Christmas Fayre. Thanks to all the stall holders, helpers, PTA and parents for making it a really successful event. I couldn't believe how busy it was! We had lots of entries into the Bake Off competition, and Macey Marshall was named our star baker for her incredible cake!



- On Tuesday afternoon, our lovely choir went to Wickersley Library for their second carol singing event of the festive season. So many parents came to support them and we really appreciate it. Those that were there will agree that it was a wonderful way to spend an afternoon.



- On Wednesday, Y1 were visited by Andrew Fox, from the Methodist church, for a session helping them learn more about Christingle. The children enjoyed learning the meaning of all of the parts of their own Christingles, before lighting them together.



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- Well done to Liyah, Izzie and Hallie for completing their mental health mini-medication training. You are fabulous additions to Team Empower!



- On Monday, our U9 girls football team played against Badsley at home and won! Great team work!



- On Thursday, our U11 netball team won 16-6 away at East Dene! A fantastic game played by all!



- Luke Anderson in 5MM passed his grade 1 flute exam with merit.



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## Dates for your diary

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Y4 start swimming

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – EYFS Christmas Performance 9.30am

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Christmas Performance 2.00pm

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Christmas Performance 9.30am

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – EYFS Christmas Performance 2.30pm

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – U11 Netball at Whiston Worrygoose

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Choir Singing Outside 3.45pm

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Y5 Christmas Fayre and Coffee Afternoon

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – F2L and F1 Bling a Bauble Parent Craft Workshop – 2.30pm

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – F2M and F1 Bling a Bauble Parent Craft Workshop – 8.45am

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Y5 Christmas Performance 9.30am

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Y4 Christmas Performance 2.30pm

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Y3 Christmas Performance 9.30am

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – EYFS Christmas Party (in class) and Buffet Lunch

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Y6 Performance 2pm @ Methodist Church

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – KS1 Party (in class) and Buffet Lunch

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** – KS2 Party (in class) and Buffet Lunch

## Attendance

Well done to our winning class, 6ER, with 99.3% last week.



You said.

We did.

In our recent questionnaire, parents expressed that they appreciated being able to speak to school leaders on the gates in the morning as well as at the dedicated Senior Leadership Team (SLT) drop in on a Monday night, so these things are here to stay!

## Looking Ahead

With Christmas on the horizon, and no doubt lots of new technological gifts on their way, we just wanted to take this opportunity to remind all parents that mobile phones and smart watches are not to be used during the school day.

We absolutely understand that some children bring their phones/smart watches with them for security reasons when they walk alone, and that many smart watches provide GPS tracking capabilities to give you peace of mind, but when children arrive at school, both of these devices should be handed in to class teachers for safe storage throughout the day.

If children want to wear a watch during the school day, we ask that it is a normal watch and does not possess smart capabilities, even if features are disabled (in the same way that we wouldn't allow children to keep their phones in their possession in flight mode). Thanks for your understanding on this matter.