

Pixies news

Merry Christmas!



Christmas is a good time to deepen our friendships and take an example from the Christmas story



Value of the month

With the recent school closure and the many festive activities, we haven't had much time to talk to the children about **Friendship**. However, it was a theme that our minister, Carol Lewis, explored at our carol concert and it was lovely to see such a packed out venue as the children explored how friendship fits in with the Christmas story. I am planning to follow this theme up on our final day of term when we have our annual carols around the candle where I will show children several funny and thought provoking clips all with the theme of friendship. We always find this to be a great way to end the school year together as a school family, sharing our time, hopes and aspirations.

Our value of the month for January is **Positivity**.

Martin Smith, Headteacher

Christmas Fair

A big thank you to all members of our FOPHS team who did a marvellous job of planning and running the Christmas Fair. Special thanks to Mrs Bruce and Mrs Tomlinson who co-ordinated behind the scenes after recently taking on the mantle of joint chairs. We hope to give you an accurate figure of how much was raised soon. In the meantime, here is a photo of the school choir in action on the day!



Tree Festival



In case you missed it, this was our entry for the Christmas Tree festival this year. The theme was 'Joy to the World' which gave us carte blanche to decorate our tree with all kinds of wonders including snowmen, angels, puddings and trees. Well done to our team of Year 6 children who ensured the tree was well decorated and given the finishing touches. The tree festival finishes at 5pm on Tuesday so you still have time to see all the trees on display if you haven't seen them already.

Coming up in January...

Wed 3rd Jan

Staff INSET Day

Thurs 4th Jan

Children Start Back

Tues 9th Jan | 9.15am

Parent Tour for Prospective Reception Parents

Tues 16th Jan | 9.15am

Parent Tour for Prospective Reception Parents

Wed 17th Jan | 7pm

Governor Resources Committee

Fri 19th Jan

FOPHS Film Night

Tues 23rd Jan | 5.30pm

Parent Forum

Thurs 25th Jan

Year 1 Class Assembly

Mon 29th Jan

Governor School Improvement Committee

Interested in Teaching?

This year, we are taking a break from student placements but we continue to be very proud of our work with our local teaching school. They write: "Are you a graduate interested in pursuing a rewarding career as a primary school teacher? Why not train locally with the West Hertfordshire Teaching School Partnership. We are very experienced at training teachers and are looking forward to developing the next generation of inspiring classroom practitioners. All our trainees finish our course as good or outstanding teachers with 100% of them employed in local schools, many before they finish training! Contact us for further information.

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**We love to learn
and learn to love!**

KS1 Production



Thank you for all the lovely feedback from the KS1 production, it means a lot at the end of a term! The children have such a love of singing and putting these productions together means they get a chance to express their passion. If your child is in Year 3 or 4, they'll get their chance next in a Spring term production whilst Year 5 and 6 will complete the trio at the end of the academic year.



Elf on the Shelf

Younger children (and staff) have been having all manner of fun with our resident Christmas Elf across December. The original story focuses on Santa sending a Elf to keep an eye on the behaviour of the children. We've modified this idea into a more positive approach of what the Elf has been up to in school whilst the children are away! The children have really enjoyed this and there has been much glee as classes excitedly come into school to find the Elf up to all sorts. In one of our photos, he fell off a trapeze wire and got his leg caught whilst in another, he had been making snow angels in a localised snow storm which took place in the corner of the classroom.



News in Brief

- A big thank you to all our parent helpers attending the panto. Unfortunately, Mrs Axford and I missed it this year as we were working with a consultant for the day but I understand one of the characters took a shine to our very own Mr Lawrence. We shall be returning to the Elgiva next year
- Children in Need raised £338.36. **Thank you** to all for your generosity. This is a new record, eclipsing last year's total by over £50
- **Congratulations** to Frankie Webb who won our school competition to name the new building. We had some fantastic entries such as 'The Cloud' and 'The Tardis' but Frankie's entry won with the most staff votes. We are going to put a new plaque up on the building which will be called '**The Rainbow Room**'



Stars of the week

Week of 01/12/17

Reception: **Jude Jefferson**
Year 1: **Whole Class**
Year 2: **Summer Walker**
Year 3: **Samuel Lilley**
Year 4: **Lola Whiston**
Year 5: **Leon Jackson**
Year 6: **Alice Whiteman**

Week of 08/12/17

Reception: **Jack Kercher**
Year 1: **Lucas Turner**
Year 2: **Issac Maddison**
Year 3: **Abigail Hook**
Year 4: **Lizzie Brinklow**
Year 5: **Emma Lewis**
Year 6: **Mia Crouch**

Week of 15/12/17

Reception: **Whole Class**
Year 1: **Whole Class**
Year 2: **Whole Class**
Year 3: **Lauren Duvall**
Year 4: **Bella Bruce**
Year 5: **Zac Broadbent**
Year 6: **Ben Beale**



School will resume on
Thursday 4th January
at the usual time

Well done
to everyone!
Merry
Christmas!