



# Little Phoenix



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Mrs Speight's message ...

In Pre-Prep we have been getting in the mood for Christmas! Nativity rehearsals are well underway and I often hear Mr Gooding, our music teacher accompanying the children as they are singing. They truly do sound like a choir of angels, the acting is of a high standard and Mrs Thomas and her costume department are rivalling Strictly! Don't forget these important dates: Wednesday 4th December, for the Year 1 and 2 performance of Angel Express in the PAA at 6pm and Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th for our Nursery and Reception performance of A Miracle in Town at 2pm in our very own Studio Hall. If you haven't already done so, please remember to take the time to read your child's report as it is lovely to read about the progress the children are making and to be informed of their next steps in learning. I'm sure that many of you will have heard me say that education is a partnership with you and that when we work together, we ensure that our children are happy and will flourish in every way. I look forward to seeing you next week at our Consultation Evenings when I shall be available to chat, however, as you are aware, my door is always open. The children are very excited about the Christmas Market tomorrow at the Senior School between 10am and 4pm and I do believe there may be a visit from a man wearing a red velvet suit! It is also a perfect opportunity to begin your festive shopping while the children are able to participate in some exciting arts and crafts. As always, have a wonderful, relaxing weekend.

Warmest Wishes,

Jeanne Speight



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## Frozen Fever

Many of our children are becoming excited about going to see Frozen II in the cinema. We were so happy to find the soundtrack on Spotify! During our play outside, we have been listening to the new songs and talking about how they make us feel. The children have also been expressing themselves through dance and using scarves to emphasise their movements. We hope the film is as good as the soundtrack.



## Winter Wonderland

As winter approaches, Year 1 have been noticing how the environment outside is changing as well as the falling temperature. On Tuesday, we took part in a Woodland Walk, listening to the sounds of nature and discussed our surroundings. Following on from this Mr Pearce made a campfire for us to keep warm. We drank hot chocolate and enjoyed some roasted marshmallows. A thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all.

(We were so busy having fun we forgot to take a picture. This is us pretending to roast marshmallows)



## Inspiration everywhere

Our children are gaining confidence in pursuing their own interests and asking questions of the world around them. We have been inspired by a discussion we had with Miss Algate about her time as a Medic in the Royal Air Force. We were fascinated by her uniform and asked lots of interesting questions. The first proper frost also provided many lines of enquiry. By chance, we came across leaves trapped in a tray of ice and set about creating an investigation to see how we could free them...



## Fantasy Adventure

Continuing with our topic 'A Walk In The Woods', the children in Year 2 went to the school woodlands where they role played an adventure down a mysterious, dark hole. This experience was then used as a stimulus for this week's writing task; a fantasy story with a woodland setting.





**Uniform (worn by all):**

**All children should now be wearing winter uniform:**

Blazer – navy blue with red piping, burgundy V-neck sweater, **school quilted coat (school pattern only)**, scarf/hat (optional, school pattern only). Black sensible shoes should be worn by boys and girls (no heels for girls)

Boys: Pale blue shirt, long or short sleeved with tie (school design). Grey shorts, Grey trousers (**optional**) with Uniform Shop socks – grey with stripe.

Girls: White blouse (school pattern only) with a red tartan pinafore. Grey tights or socks with matching hair accessories.

The Uniform Shop is open every day except Friday during term time from 1pm – 5pm and at published times during holidays. The Uniform Shop accepts cash, card or cheque payments.



**Looking Forward**



**Saturday 23rd November**

Senior School Christmas Craft Fair - 10am till 4pm

**Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th November**

Parents' Evening - 4pm till 6pm

**Saturday 30th November**

Christmas Masquerade Ball - 7pm till late (PAA)

**Wednesday 4th December**

Year 1 & 2 Nativity - 6pm start (PAA)

**Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th December**

EYFS Christmas Performance - 2pm till 3pm (Studio Hall)

**Friday 13th December**

End of term

Christmas Jumper Day

**No after school care**

**Volunteers Needed - Masquerade Ball**

Volunteers are needed to help set up tables and props on

Friday 29th November from 2pm  
&  
Saturday 30th November - morning

Please contact Miss Algate if you can give up some of your time.



**Bridge House Mission**  
**Spreading the magic of kindness this Christmas**

Collection points are now open for winter care donations for Bridge House this Christmas.

Winter Care Packs...

Good things to include...

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- A pair of warm socks
- Gloves
- Hat
- Plasters
- Comb
- Granola Bar
- Tissues




**Christmas Indoor Market**

Saturday 23rd November

10am till 4pm

Yarm School

**Donations are needed for the bottle tombola stall**




**Attention**

In Year 1 we are setting up a modelling area and we would be most grateful if you were able to send in a range of suitable mixed recycling and packaging. For example, cereal boxes etc. Please remember we are a nut free school.

Many thanks.

