



Little Phoenix

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Mrs Speight's message ...

As I write the last newsletter of 2019, I am reflecting on the progress the children have made since September. The first term has flown by and the children are so excited about the forthcoming Christmas holidays. The Nursery and Reception children performed their nativity 'A Miracle in Town' twice and the Studio Hall was full of appreciative parents, grandparents and friends. We should all be incredibly proud of the acting, learning of lines and of course knowing all those songs too! It is remarkable to think that some of our children are only two years old and our eldest are five years old, yet they performed happily and sang with great enthusiasm. Years 1 and 2 enjoyed their Christingle Assembly on Tuesday and the Shawcross Brass Band delighted us all with a musical afternoon. It is such a privilege to work with children every day and I would like to say a huge thank you to the team who make each and every child's day, special. We had a wonderful Christmas Dinner and a visit from Santa today, thanks to Wendy and the catering team for cooking us delicious lunches. Please make sure that you enjoy the festive break, relaxing with family and friends and take some time to appreciate how fortunate we are. I look forward to seeing you in 2020. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Warmest Wishes,

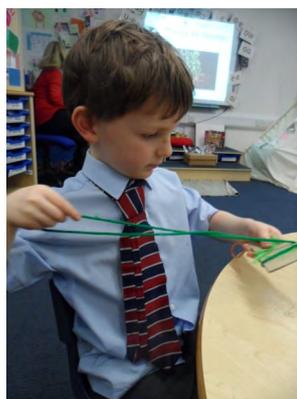
Jeanne Speight



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Deck the Halls

Year 1 have been excited about their Christmas holidays. The children have been talking about their Christmas trees and decorations at home so much, that we decided to make our own using recycled cardboard, string and pompoms. The children are very proud of their creations. I am sure that they will become a festive favourite at home. Merry Christmas from the Year 1 Team!



Inspiring Readers

The magic of story telling was in the air as Year 2 decided to write their own versions of the nativity story. Having included expanded noun phrases and exciting sentence openers, they practised using expression and intonation before heading to the library to share the joy of reading with the children in Reception.



A Miracle in Town







Polite Notice

If your child is in after school care, please remember to provide them with a snack.



Many thanks.

Looking Forward



Monday 6th January

Pupils return to school

Saturday 11th January

Open Morning 9.30am till 12 noon

Monday 13th January

Spring Term Activity Clubs commence

Tuesday 28th January

Year 1 trip to MIMA

Year 2 trip to Wesleyan Chapel

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.

2019/2020 Term Dates

Spring Term, 2020

Pupils return - Monday, 6th January 2020

½ term begins - Thursday, 13th February 2020 (after school)

INSET 1 - Friday, 14th February 2020

Pupils return - Monday, 24th February 2020

Finish - Wednesday, 1st April 2020 (after school)

Uniform Shop

Christmas opening hours

Tuesday 17th December - 1pm till 4pm

Thursday 19th December - 1pm till 4pm

Thursday 2nd January - 1pm till 4pm

W/C 6th January, normal hours return - Monday to Thursday 1pm till 5pm

P.E Fun

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed rugby with Mrs Red-head Sweeney. They learnt about formation, passing and working as a team to score tries.

Looking forward to some future rugby stars!

