



Little Phoenix



The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Mrs Speight's message ...

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December has arrived and who can believe that it is only twenty three sleeps to Christmas Day? We have already started the celebrations with our Year One and Two children performing in 'Baarmy Bethlehem', our Pre-Prep nativity. There are so many powerful adjectives to describe the performance and magnificent, superb and outstanding are just three that spring to mind. The children sang, acted and spoke with such confidence and the party atmosphere was certainly in the air in the PAA on Wednesday evening. My thanks go to the staff team who have dedicated their time to ensure that the costumes were perfect, the children knew their lines and all went well on the night. I must also take this opportunity to say thank you to our wonderful Social Committee for organising the ball on Saturday Evening. I have heard so many reports of good company, delicious food and dancing. I am now looking forward to the EYFS nativity 'Away In A Manger' on Monday and Tuesday. I have already peeped through the Studio Hall doors and watched our youngest children practising ready for their big day! Wishing you all a super weekend.

Warmest wishes

Joanne Speight



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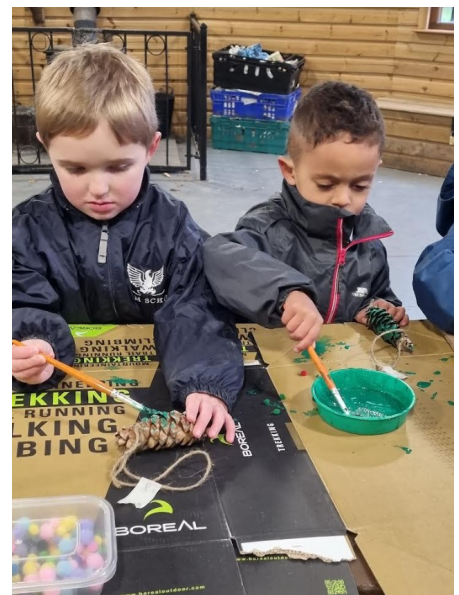
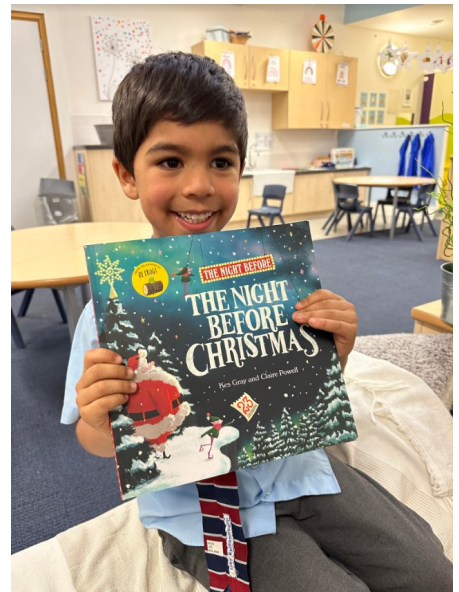
Festive Activities

- Nursery have been getting in the festive spirit. They have made Christmas crafts, decorated the tree and read lots of Christmas stories.



Christmas Crafts

As advent arrives the children have been learning about the true meaning of Christmas. They each made a special Christmas craft using natural materials during their woodland session.



'Baarmy Bethlehem'



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Congratulations to Miss Phillips on the birth of her baby girl Annie!

Annie was born on 30th November weighing 8lbs 12oz.

We wish her all the best at the start of her new journey.



Christmas 2022—Dates for your diary

Monday 5th December—EYFS Nativity, Pre-Prep Studio Hall 2pm—Nursery parents

Tuesday 6th December—EYFS Nativity, Pre-Prep Studio Hall 2pm—Reception parents

Wednesday 7th December—Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 theatre trip

Tuesday 13th December—Nursery theatre trip

Wednesday 14th December—Last day of term, Christmas Jumper Day—**no after school care**



Pre-Prep finish times w/c 12th December

Monday 12/12/22—Nursery 3pm, Pre-Prep 3.15pm

Tuesday 13/12/22—Nursery 3pm, Pre-Prep 3.15pm

Wednesday 14/12/22—Nursery and Reception 3pm, Y1 & 2 3.15pm

Christmas Holiday School

Bookings are now open for the upcoming Christmas Holiday School which will run from Monday 19th—Wednesday 21st December. The cost of a place is £36 per child per day. The deadline for applications is 3pm on Monday 5th December. Please note that Tuesday 20th December is now full. You can book a place via the link below

<https://forms.gle/mCAEZ87fqTgpJs4c6>

Pupils' Festive Artwork Lights Up Christmas Windows in Yarm High Street

We've been delighted this week to unveil a wonderful festive project that our Art Department has been working on with our local High Street shops!

'The 12 Days of Christmas' are represented by artwork carefully created by pupils, and displayed in shop windows.

Each window depicts a different 'day' from the song - from the partridge in the pear tree to twelve drummers drumming.

Nursery worked on the twelve drummers drumming; Reception on the eleven pipers piping; Year 1 on the nine ladies dancing; and Y2 on the four calling birds.

Why not explore the High Street and see if you can spot all twelve!

Shops that are taking part are: Strickland and Holt, Waterstones, Dream Doors, Finzi, Treats, Caffè Nero, Contemporary, Teesside Hospice, LM Beauty, The Black Bull, Rude Grooming and Yarm Library.



Christmas Appeal—Little Sprouts

This year, more than ever, families in our community are worrying about the cost of heating their homes during the winter. We are once again collaborating with Little Sprouts to support the most vulnerable in our area. In the run up to Christmas we are collecting children's slippers and blankets/throws.

The slippers can be new or pre-loved that are still in good condition. So as to ensure a range of sizes we suggest donating a size close to those of your children.

Both new and pre-loved blankets are extremely useful. If you have extra blankets/throws in your cupboards which go unused please consider donating them to a family. The perfect way to reuse and recycle and give the gift of warmth this Christmas. Please just ensure that they are clean or freshly laundered. Maybe you also know some keen knitters who would be interested in making some for this worthwhile cause.

You can drop your items off at the Pre-Prep reception.

Thank you in advance for your kindness.

Mrs Sawyer

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