

Friday 15 December 2017

Christmas concert: On Wednesday 13 December, our Christmas shows, 'Lights, Camel, Action!' by Litton, Chesil and Bredy, and 'Aladdin' by Eggardon, were brilliant! The children displayed an astonishing range of talent, well spotted by their teachers! We are so proud of the children; they performed and sang beautifully, and the soloists were superb. A big thank you to them and to everyone who helped make the concert so enjoyable. We raised about £50 for the Weldmar Hospice – thank you. We are grateful to the TSA for providing pre-concert refreshments; they made more than £300.

Carol service: Thank you to all who joined us at our carol service on Thursday 14 December. The church was beautifully warm and festive and the singing was lovely. Thank you to our choir, readers and bellringers and to all who help with our service. Thank you to Paul Cheater who stepped in at the last minute to accompany the hymns, and to the TSA, who kindly provided mince pies after the service.

Helpers' tea party: On Thursday 14 December, we hosted a tea party to thank our governors, volunteers and helpers who give so generously of their time throughout the year. The children really love showing all they have made.

Christmas Lunch: Children and staff had an enjoyable Christmas meal together on Wednesday 13 December. Thank you to the TSA for the crackers – the children do enjoy the hats, jokes and little objects!

Carol singing: The carol singing in the Discovery Area on Friday 8 December was lovely and festive. The Governors had arranged lights and families brought torches so it was all bright and cheery. Thank you to the TSA for the mulled cider, stolen and mince pies; they raised £40.

Christmas trees: The children made and decorated a 'house' tree. Edmund Hillary house won and received 50 points for their efforts. The trees transformed the Library into a woodland walk!

Christmas fun: Today the TSA are supporting 'Save the Children'. The children (and staff!) are looking brilliant (some literally!) in their Christmas jumpers. All the classes are looking forward to their parties and Christmas fun.

Ethos Council: On Monday 4 December, the Council led an assembly based on the first Christmas to demonstrate our value for the half term, Hope.

Houses: Edmund Hillary house (yellow) has won the most house points this term. Mary Kingsley house (green) has had the highest attendance. Well done to both. The children belonging to these two houses will have the privilege of coming to school out of uniform on **Friday 5 January**.

Attendance: Overall attendance this term was 96.2% which is, pleasingly, above the national average. Of the absence, 2.8% was due to illness and medical appointments, 0.4% was authorised and 0.5% was unauthorised. We hope, with your support, to continue at least this good level of attendance next term.

Church service: Please do join us at our church service at **9.30am on Thursday 4 January**. You are welcome to walk with us to church; we will leave school at 9am.

Message from Kim:

Many thanks to those who are supporting the Thorner's School 100 Club this year. Winners for the Autumn Term are as follows:

Autumn Term - First Half
£25 - Annemarie Yeates
£12 - Elizabeth Kingston

Autumn Term - Second Half
£25 - Mary Boughton
£12 - Mo & Andrew Symes

Have a lovely Christmas Holiday and a Happy New Year. 🎄

We have a staff day on Tuesday, 2 January. The Spring Term starts for the children on **Wednesday, 3 January**.

All the staff join me in wishing you a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Yours sincerely
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Headteacher