

----- 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016 -----

Remember school finishes for this term next Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December, at 1.30pm  
Spring term starts on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 8.55 am

**Head Teacher Awards - Well Done to .....**  
Amy in Blue Class for meeting her targets and careful handwriting.

## It's Christmas .....



Year 1 and Year 2 children told the story of Rodney The Stable Rat, and how his whiskery nose leads him to an unexpected adventure.

The children were all really proud to show their families just how hard they have been working. We all thought they were amazing.



Reception children finished this week with their performance of The Nativity.

There were a few nerves mixed with excitement as they saw the hall fill with their families!

Well done to the understudies who took over roles at the last minute.

We all sat down together on Wednesday for Christmas lunch. The menu was traditional followed by a variety of desserts. Thank you to all the kitchen staff for cooking a super meal for all the children and staff that day.

We pulled crackers and wore party hats and there was great excitement when Father Christmas paid us a surprise visit during the meal!

The afternoon was filled with party games.



### DIARY DATES

#### **AUTUMN TERM 2016 ENDS**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 1.30pm

#### **SPRING TERM 2017 STARTS**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January

#### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January**

Blue Class Assembly 2.30pm

#### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January**

Full Governing Body Meeting

#### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

Purple Class Assembly 2.30pm

#### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

Orange Class Assembly 2.30pm

#### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

Red Class Assembly 2.30pm

#### **HALF TERM**

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> - Fri 17<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

Parent Consultations 3.30-5.30pm

#### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

Parent Consultations 5.00-8.00pm

#### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Green Class Assembly 2.30pm

#### **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

Yr1 Visit Aldenham Country Park

#### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Yellow Class Assembly 2.30pm

Quiz Night 7.00pm

#### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

Full Governing Body Meeting

#### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Red Nose Day

Non Uniform Day Easter Egg or £1 donation

#### **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Easter Fair 2.30-4.00pm

#### **SPRING TERM 2017 ENDS**

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 1.30pm

#### **SUMMER TERM 2017 STARTS**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April

#### **MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY**

School Closed - Bank Holiday

#### **HALF TERM**

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June

#### **FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

Occasional Day - School Closed

#### **SUMMER TERM 2017 ENDS**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm

#### **FRI 21<sup>ST</sup> & MON 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

INSET Day - School Closed for Children



## Fundraising

We have raised £1,333.93 this half term – fantastic! The disco raised £295.00, Sports for Schools wristbands £65.50, iPad Money Box this half term raised £54.83, at the Christmas Fair you raised an amazing £869.46 and finally the cake sale last week added another £49.14 Thank you for your support throughout the year, we are getting closer to our goal as you can see from our fundraising pyramid.



## Carols at Leavesden Green Hub

We will be getting together at the Leavesden Green Hub next Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December, to sing carols. Thank you to the families who have already sent in their reply slips. All families welcome so if you find you can come at the last minute meet Mrs Walmsley and Mrs Toombs at 6.20 pm at the Hub.

## HCC School Closure Notification System

HCC has changed their notification system used to inform parents of unexpected school closures. We will still endeavour to send Parentmail messages subject to internet connection. You can sign up for the new system, Everbridge, at <https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#login>

## It's A Baby!

There was great excitement in Blue Class this week when the stick insect eggs they have been nurturing for a few weeks hatched. The baby insects are eating well and seem very comfortable in their new environment, we will try to take photographs when they are a little bigger.



## Free Primary Magazine

Take a look at this great digital magazine FREE for all parents of primary school children. It's packed full of advice to help get you through the festive season and the best out of primary school for your child. Just visit this link to read for free: [www.backtoschoolmagazine.com](http://www.backtoschoolmagazine.com)

## Watford Elim Church – Manna Project Food Distribution


The Manna project is an open hand opportunity set up to provide for families in and around Hertfordshire. There will be a one off Community Food Distribution on 27<sup>th</sup> December from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. If you or someone you know would like to receive a food package please call 01923 221544. Collection at Elim Pentecostal Church, Leavesden Road, WD24 5ED

**SPARE CLOTHES**  
Can you help? Have you any girls underwear to donate to our spare clothes cupboard?

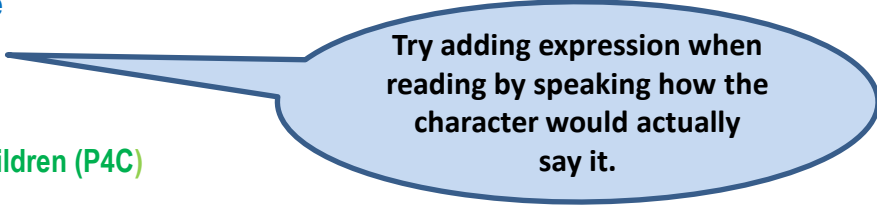
## Attendance

Attendance for week ending 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Green Class won the attendance cup and Yellow and Green Classes were the best for punctuality with no late arrivals. Attendance certificates for this term will be given out in Achievement Assembly at the beginning of the Spring term. *Late arrivals will be marked as unauthorised absence. If you arrive late, after 8.55 am, it is important to sign your child in at the school office.*

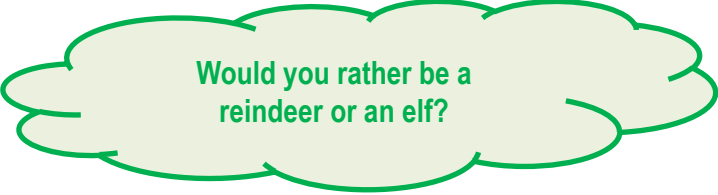
**LOST PROPERTY**  
Please check Lost Property for missing clothing or accessories. All items without a name will be disposed of at the end of this term.

<b>ORANGE</b>		92.3%	<b>RED</b>	97.2%
<b>GREEN</b>		98.3%	<b>YELLOW</b>	95.9%
<b>BLUE</b>		88.3%	<b>PURPLE</b>	94.3%

## Literacy Challenge



## Philosophy For Children (P4C)



What do you think?

- Letters Sent Out This Week**
- Yr1 & Yr2 Show Reminder
- CSE Leaflet
- XLR8 Cheerleading Club
- Junior & Infant
- Governors Letter
- Carol Singing – Leavesden Hub
- School Closure Letter