



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

15 December 2023

### Welcome

We have enjoyed a wonderful final few weeks of term, with all the Christmas festivities and celebrations. Nursery, Reception, and KS1 all performed their Nativity plays so confidently and with the added sparkle of their costumes, looked the part on stage in front of packed audiences.

As well as our plays, our brilliant choir performed to residents at Liscombe House a few weeks ago. It was also great to see so many parents come along to the Years 2, 4 and 6 Home Learning Exhibitions!

Many thanks to Friends and all the volunteers for their hard work and organisation in running the Present Room. Kelly and the Catering Team excelled themselves again and provided a gorgeous Christmas Lunch. Over the last few days, we have held our final end of term celebration assemblies to share all the hard work children have done this term.

I know you will join me in saying a huge 'thank you' to all of our fantastic staff who have made the last few weeks so special for the children with all the events and activities at the end the term. I would also like to say thank you to parents for the very generous FoodBank donations.

I wish you all a happy and restful Christmas, with time to spend together with family and loved ones. Here's to a wonderful start to 2024 when we all return to school in the New Year on Wednesday 3rd January.

Please note that over the holidays, we will be moving from our current @birchhillprimaryschool emails to @maidenerleghttrust.org emails and all emails will be down during the holiday period. In an emergency please email [m.dillon@maidenerleghttrust.org](mailto:m.dillon@maidenerleghttrust.org)

**Michael Dillon - Headteacher**

### Reception

Last week Reception performed their Nativity Production to parents. The children sang beautifully and enjoyed their families coming into school to watch.

This week the children have enjoyed sending cards and parcels in our role play 'Post Office'.

The children have also enjoyed the colder weather and have been building a sleigh using the construction materials and decorating the Christmas tree on the outdoor tray.



## Nursery

Nursery have had a busy half term. They were all amazing at singing during the Nativity play.

They really enjoyed their stay and play with their grown ups.

Some children stayed for a Christmas packed lunch where they got to have special treats for one day only!

The best bit was the party when we got to go to the hall to dance, play games and use the parachute for the first time.



Dear Parents/Carers,

The Governors (local advisory board) would like to wish all parents / carers and children a very Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year. Please enjoy the festive season and stay safe.

We look forward to welcoming you all back in January 2024 which promises to be an exciting year for Birch Hill Primary as we will be working as part of the Maiden Erlegh trust. This will involve a change in the way the governance and governors of the school work alongside Michael Dillon, the senior leadership team and the trust.

I would like to thank all the staff for their continued effort and enthusiasm to push the school to new limits and the many Christmas performances across the school.

The governors are excited to be working with the parents / carers in 2024 and meeting you at the various events throughout the year.

Merry Christmas

Stephen Weeks Chair of Governors - On behalf of the Governing board

## This week's Triple Thank You and Triple Star Awards



# *Christmas at Birch Hill Primary*





## YEAR GROUP REMINDERS

NURSERY	—
RECEPTION	—
YEAR 1	—
YEAR 2	—
YEAR 3	—
YEAR 4	Please see the 4R Parent Letter
YEAR 5	Please see the Y5 Swimming Letter
YEAR 6	—
SAPPHIRE	—
OTHER	Updated INSET Days - Friday 23rd February 2024 & Monday 15th April 2024

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY 2ND JANUARY 2024</b>
<b>START OF TERM</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2024</b>
Young Voices at the O2	Tuesday 16th January 2024
Take one Picture Art Exhibition	Thursday 8th & Friday 9th February 2024
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY—FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2024</b>
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2024</b>

