

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016



**First day  
back is  
Wednesday  
4<sup>th</sup> January**

## Happy Christmas!

What a whirlwind the past two weeks have been. We have managed: a trip to the reindeer ranch, three nativity performances, two carol concerts, a performance to the Diners' Club, Christmas parties, a flying visit to pick up letters to take to the North Pole, the Christmas Bazaar, Santa's Secret Shop and a visit from Father Christmas. No wonder that the children (and staff) are all exhausted and ready for the Christmas holidays.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank FIS for their wonderful support over the Christmas period. They have worked incredibly hard and through their (and your) efforts have raised enough money to complete the next stage of the infant playground project.

## School Performance:

The DFE have published school performance tables this week. You can view our school's performance and compare it to that of other schools at [www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk](http://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk). I am delighted to tell you that our school performed above average on all measures from Reception through Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6.

## A Plea:

I have set all the children the New Year's resolution to improve their personal organization in the New Year. Please support them in this by making sure that PE kits, packed lunches, swimming kits, Forest School clothes and other items are brought to school when needed.

## House shield:

Congratulations to all members of Griffin House on winning the House Shield this term.

## Poppy appeal:

Thanks to the children's generosity a fantastic £185.42 was raised through the Poppy Appeal at school this year.

## Book Fair:

The book fair raised a wonderful £438.90 in commission; this will be used to buy new books for your children. Thanks to all the parents who helped out.

## Bug Busting:

'Tis the season to 'de-nit'. Please, please could all parents take the time to thoroughly check children's hair and take action where necessary. Advice can be found at <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Treatment.aspx>