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## Dear Parents,

Please find the last newsletter for 2016. I hope the children enjoyed their Christmas lunch today, they certainly seemed to.

Well done to all the teachers and pupils that have run open door curriculum celebrations this week, the school production team and the EYFS team for their plays.

I wish you all a safe holiday and see you in January.

Thanks

Kind regards

**Mrs H Paget-Wall Collins**  
Head Teacher

### Attendance:

**Whole School – 97%**

**Best Year Group – Year 4 – 98%**

### **Best Classes:**

2SR – 99%

3EG – 97%

Glasswing – 96%

**Nbr 100% - 338 Nbr Lates – 32**

## Hanwell Fields Rendition of Elf – School Production

Big thank you to all the Drama Group for entertaining parents, pupils and staff with their rendition of Elf – What an amazing group!



## **Dates to Remember**

### **Aspirations and Events Update**

Since September the children at Hanwell Fields have been busy raising funds for different charities. So far they have raised

- £1284 for children in need
- £384 for 'Save the Horton'.
- £70 for Katherine House (Quiz Night)
- £500 Christmas Fayre (split between Aspirations fund and Katherine House)

This is truly amazing and the pupils, parents and staff should be very proud of their achievements so far in terms 1 and 2.

Next term please come and look at our giant thermometer that is being made at the moment. It will track all the monies raised so that the community can see the amount raised grow.(It will be located next to the main hall)

### **Can you help us at Hanwell Fields?**

Do you have a skill that will enrich our children's learning at Hanwell Fields? Could you have a spare hour to come and talk to the children or share a skill or hobby if so please email Rebecca Lister or fill in the form below for more information.

Name.....

Skill/Hobby/ please

give details.....

Please also fill in the form if you are interested in helping out at future events or would like more information.

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## For Information

### Second Hand School Uniform

Uniform will be sold on Monday, Wednesday and Friday Mornings in the key stage 1 canopy at 8:30am - 8:45am. Uniform prices range from 50p - £2.00

### Second hand uniform donations

We really appreciate second hand uniform donations. Please donate uniform to the office. All donations should be in good condition, clean with the name label blacked out.

Thank you



The Bridges Christmas Break holiday forms are now available to be collected. Please hand these back into Bridges or reception as soon as possible please.

For this holiday period we will be trialling a new payment scheme where there will be **no set packages and payment for all holiday care will be based on an hourly rate.** The hourly charge is £3.50. There will be a charge for a hot dinner of £2.00 although if your child will be attending for a full day or at least 6 hours in the afternoon, then a hot dinner will be supplied free of charge.

Bridges will be open between Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 (Inset Day).

Below is a list of some of the exciting things that we will be doing.

- Monday - Morning swim at Sibford school**
- Tuesday - Christmas shopping in Banbury town centre**
- Wednesday - Forest school-wear something green**
- Thursday - Christmas arts and crafts**
- Friday - Christmas jumper and pyjama party**

So why not grab an application form from the school office or from Bridges and let your children come join us this Christmas break!

Bridges are also asking for donations of any unwanted games console, interactive games and board games. We are looking for group and educational games that the children enjoy playing with their friends.

Thank you in advance for any donations made.

Kind Regards,  
Steve Nutt  
Bridges Manager



# Winter Challenge 2016



### Activity 1

Visit a Children's University Learning Destination and write a 50 word review

[www.childrensuniversity.co.uk](http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk)

### Activity 5

Head outside to complete one of our downloadable activities such as RSPB Wild Challenge or Forestry Commission

[www.tinyurl.com/RSPBCU2016](http://www.tinyurl.com/RSPBCU2016)  
[www.forestry.gov.uk/](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/)

### Activity 2

Get crafty - Recycle and transform plastic bottles, cardboard boxes, cotton, etc. into Christmas decorations or make a snow globe

### Activity 6

Visit your local library and take part in the Mini Christmas Reading Challenge

### Activity 3

Learn the British Sign Language fingerspelling alphabet and record yourself spelling Merry Christmas

### Activity 7

Get creative and enter the Wicked Young Writers Award

[www.wickedyoungwritersawards.com](http://www.wickedyoungwritersawards.com)

(worth 3 hours!)

### Activity 4

Make gingerbread men and deliver to someone special



Collect extra Children's University credits during the Christmas break by completing this challenge. Each activity, except activity 7, is worth 1 credit, when you take evidence of your activity to your teacher or local CU. This could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing



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## A Message from Foundation Stage

On Wednesday this week the Reception and Nursery children performed their annual Nativity play! This year saw the story of "Shine Star Shine!" come to life in the school hall. Every one of the Reception children took to the stage and bravely took part in the story; reciting lines, singing songs and dancing!

With glittering costumes, the Nursery children proudly took on the part of a choir of stars. Their singing was beautiful!

We would like to say a big thank-you to all of the Early-Years families for working so hard with their children at home to learn lines and words to songs, as well as sourcing such incredible costumes!



The teachers couldn't be prouder of the children and their performances on Wednesday.

Well done everyone!

# Goodbye!

The Early-Years (EYFS) Team would like to say "Goodbye" to Miss Shaw who leaves us today after completing her Teaching placement in the Nursery class. Miss Shaw has done an incredible job and will be returning to Warwick University with lots of new experiences under her 'teacher hat'!

We wish Miss Shaw lots of luck in her chosen career and hope to see her again.



## **Hanwell Lunch Menu**

**New menus to follow in January**