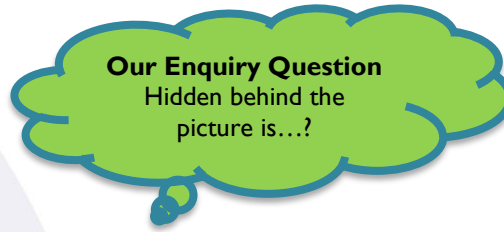


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Friday 8th December 2023

Newsletter 14

Dear Families,

It has been a lovely week in school. The children have been busy preparing for their Christmas Showcases to parents as well as having a super time at the Panto on Thursday; much fun was had by all! Please can I take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to FRoGS for this Christmas treat for the children.

This week we are pleased to announce our star achievers and look forward to seeing them on the Golden Table. A big congratulations to...

The Nest
Anna
Nursery
Lola, Arjan
Reception
Elijah, TJ

Year 1
Delilah, Tayyab
Year 2
Camden, Emily

Year 3
Ezmay Rose,
Leonardo
Year 4
Oliver, Arthur
Year 5
Ollie, Millie

Our winning house is: Willow House 🍷

Our attendance winner is: Hedgehog Class (Year 2) 🍷

Our Sports Award have gone to: Lewis in Year 5 🍷

Well done everyone 🍷

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Parking

Thank you for the emails we have received over the past few days. We understand your frustrations and are working hard to support the smooth handover of children safely at the beginning and end of the school day. It is important that parents understand that these parking restrictions are not set by the school. In the meantime, we do ask that you continue to park safely when near the school site and be mindful of resident housing and private parking.

Santa Fun Run – Monday 11th December



On Monday we will be participating in our first ever 'Gagle Brook Santa Fun Run' to raise money for Katherine House Hospice. We look forward to raising lots of money for this wonderful charity. Please can children come to school dressed in their PE Kits with trainers. Donations are being received through Parent Pay for this event.

Christmas Productions



The children are thoroughly looking forward to performing to parents next week. Please come through the main school entrance at 8.45am to take your seat. You will be asked to sign in and will be shown through to the school hall. Please can we ask that only 2 family members attend per child. Performances will start at 9.00am promptly.

Tuesday 12th December 9am – Year 1 and 2 Parents

Thursday 14th December 9am – Nursery and Reception Parents

Our Christmas Sporting Spotlight!

So our Christmas Sporting Spotlight belongs to Mrs Whiskerd.....

On Wednesday you may have noticed that Mrs Whiskerd was sporting a jazzy bright pair of leggings for her PE day in school, there is another reason why Mrs Whiskerd decided to wear them.

As the nights are getting colder and darker Mrs Whiskerd has kept to her "No iPad November" challenge and completed a 45 minute Clubbercise Fitness Session each Wednesday evening. It's great fun as it happens in a dark room full of disco lights and loud dance tunes! And it's made even better as Mrs Whiskerd's leggings glow in the dark alongside her glow sticks which she gets to use!

Why don't you have a go at home? You just need to switch some lights off, turn the music up and dance! It's an ideal way to get active!

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Christmas Tree Festival at St Edburgs

This weekend holds the Christmas Tree Festival at St Edburgs Church. We are thrilled to have our very own Gagle Brook Tree as part of the event. Children from across the school have handmade decorations to hang from the tree. Please do pop into St Edburgs if you have time over the weekend; the tree looks wonderful. A big thank you to Mrs Izzo for organizing this



Have a peaceful weekend with families and friends,

Emily Holloway and the Gagle Brook Team

Diary Dates

Dates for your diary – December 2023

- 11th Santa Fun Run
- 12th KSI Christmas production – 9.00am
- 14th Nursery and Reception 'A Christmas Wish' - 9.00am
- 18th A Christmas Wish Years 3,4,5 – 2.30pm
- 20th **End of Term – normal time (3.15pm)**

Dates for your diary – January 2024

- 8th **Back to school - Term 3**
- 8th Start of new enquiry question: **Can we investigate?**
- 10th PSHE Curriculum Workshop for parents: Years 1-5: 2.45pm (in school)
- 23rd Maths Workshop for parents Early Years: 9.15am TEAMS
- 25th Maths Workshop for parents Years 1 – 5: 9.15am TEAMS

Dates for your diary – February 2024

- 7th Our Learning Showcase' for parents 2pm (Nursery 8.45am)
- 4th Children's Mental Health Week
- 6th Safer Internet Day
- 9th **End of Term**
- 19th **Back to School - Start of Term Four**
- 19th Start of new enquiry question – **What's between the pages?**
- 21st PSHE Curriculum Meeting for parents: Years 1-5 2.45pm (Term 4)

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Free Entry

The Hummingbird

LIGHT THE LIGHT

Saturday 9th December
12-4.30PM

*Come and join us for a
festive day of fun...*

- Santa Claus
- The Launton Village Players
- Military Wives Choir
- Festive Stalls
- Face Painting
- Hot Drinks and Cakes
- Tombola
- And Much more!

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