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Dear Mothers, Fathers and Carers

**Learning Heroes** – We have two groups of Learning Heroes to report in this newsletter and the whole school thoroughly enjoyed Head of School awards and Christmas singing in assembly today. On 7<sup>th</sup> December, in our Achievement Assembly, the following children were named as Learning Heroes



Yr 1: Louise and Kaylon

Yr 2: Pearl and Olivia

Yr 5: Beau and Jack B

Yr 6: Georgeina and Ruby T

On the 14<sup>th</sup> December the Learning Heroes were

Yr 1: Tom and Sophia Br

Yr 2: Finley and Regan

Yr 3: Rebecka and Melody

Yr 4: Zac and Charlie

Well done to all our children for showing their use of 'building learning power'.

**Courtesy Awards** – Our courtesy award winners were: Ayla and Kmara in year 2, Georgianna in year 4 and Marley in year 5.

**Lunches** - On the first day back it will be chicken and tomato pasta bake instead of bacon and tomato, so please share this with your child/children if you talk about lunches each day in January.

**Christmas Shoeboxes** - On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December the Key Stage 2 school council took the 55 shoeboxes kindly donated by the parents and children of our school to Robinson House Care home. The residents were very touched by the kindness shown by our school and enjoyed receiving their gifts one by one. The children then sang carols to the residents which they also enjoyed joining in with. It has been lovely to make a link in our community with Robinson House and to know that a short visit



from the children today, will have brought them much joy and many happy memories this festive time of year.



**Bluebell Gardens** - Last Friday afternoon the KS1 School Council visited Bluebell Gardens to share some festive cheer. The children sang

to the residents beautifully, and were then surprised by a visit from Father Christmas! We had a wonderful time chatting and laughing with our new friends. Well done to all the children, I was so proud of you all.



**Attendance** – Well done to the 141 children who have had 100% attendance this year so far! We really appreciate the support from parents and families ensuring your children are in school every day they can be. We are currently meeting our 97% attendance target as a school (97.0%!), so please help us maintain this until the end of the year! **Apologies for the errors on the attendance certificates, they have been reissued today.**



**Science assembly** - On Thursday morning, Years 2 to 6 had a very 'explosive' visit from a Chemistry Professor at the University of Bristol. The

children learned the reasons behind certain explosions, the effect of dry ice on various objects and how some chemical reactions are reversible. As mentioned by the two visitors, the children were brilliantly behaved during a rather exiting exhibition of scientific investigations. A special thank you to Tim Harrison and a student of his for visiting our school and providing a fantastic assembly.



## Wellbeing at Christmas

The festive season is a time of joy and spending time with loved ones but it can also be one of the most stressful periods of the year. Remember these key points:

- Talk about your feelings: it improves your mood and can resolve problems.
- Do something that you are good at.
- Ask for help if you need it. You will be surprised at how much support there is around you.
- Eat well: too many mince pies and poor diet will not help your mental wellbeing.
- Take a break. Taking ten minutes alone time can make a huge difference.
- Stay active. We know it is tempting to skip the gym and to watch another Christmas rerun but persevere.
- Be sensible and look after yourself during social events.

Please check this website for more information:

[www.mentalhealth.org.uk/christmas](http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/christmas) (or you can type 'mental health Christmas' in to your search browser)

Another helpful link:

<https://www.mind.org.uk/workplace/mental-health-at-work/taking-care-of-yourself/christmas-tips/>

**Christmas services-** We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Christ the Servant Church for allowing us to use the church for our services. We would also like to say a big thank you to all of you who were able to support the children's performances either in school or at the church. The children love performing and to be able to do this to such a big audience at such a young age is a fabulous opportunity.



**Christmas Lunch** - Thank you to our catering team for providing the children with their Christmas Lunch last week. They work incredibly hard to prepare and cook for such a high number of children.

**Thank you** for your support with our fundraising projects: £548.27 was the amount raised for the Poppy Appeal and Children in Need raised £434.00.

## Year 4 Sushi making -

Yesterday Year 4, linked to their current geography topic of Japan, made delicious sushi! They had to choose from a selection of ingredients and design their sushi, before carefully spreading rice out onto seaweed and rolling up the snack into a tube. Careful cutting to make tasty bite-sized pieces then followed! Lots of the children tried different combinations of



vegetables that they had not tried before and Miss Wall and Mr Billington were very proud of their perseverance and collaboration.

**Christmas Fayre** - Thank you so much for all who attended the Christmas Fayre last Friday and for your donations. It was very busy and a great success! Thank you to the Friends for organising the event and running stalls. Thank you also to the staff who were able to stay and help. £1630 was raised at the event plus £446 at the pamper evening

Please can I take this opportunity to thank everyone in our school community for their help and support every day of the year. The children are lucky to have such caring families and school staff, who work hard to ensure they are the happiest they can be.

Everyone at Waycroft wishes all our families, children and friends a happy and peaceful Christmas and a joyful new year and we look forward to seeing you all on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.



Yours sincerely,

Lisa Craig, Head of School