



Friday 11 December 2015

## Dear Parents/Carers

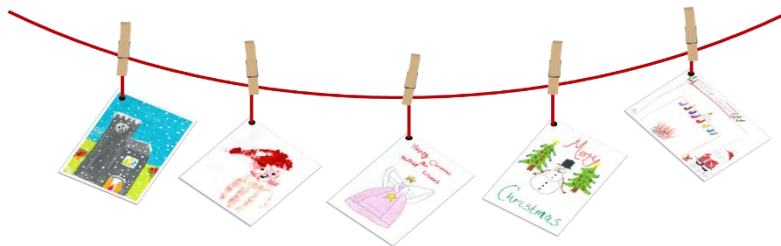
*This newsletter is full of Christmas action and information. Next week will be an exciting one! I look forward to sharing it with you and your child as we prepare for Christmas together at Hartlip School. The festivities have of course begun today. This afternoon we had our dress rehearsal. The children have been working hard in readiness to present The Nativity called: The Magical Christmas Jigsaw Puzzle to you. Thank you for your support in providing costumes and assisting the children in learning their lines and the songs. This was then followed by us all singing on the Playground to open the Christmas Fair. Such wonderful singing saw the arrival of a very special visitor. Thank you Santa! Thank you for supporting the PTFA Fair, I hope that you had fun and thank the PTFA as ever for their hard work and enthusiasm.*

*This week has had its challenges. Sadly Mrs Bourne and Mrs Ridge are both unwell. This naturally stretches staffing and arrangements. Whilst we hope that Mrs Ridge will be back with us next week, Mrs Bourne will not be returning until January. Both are missed and we thank you for bearing with us! Such unforeseen, unfortunate situations see team work arising to the occasion at its best. I thank staff for their flexibility and team work, as ever providing the very best for the children and our school. In advance I thank them for their hard work next week, fighting through tiredness and seasonal germs to facilitate a wonderful week for us all at Hartlip School. I look forward to seeing you all next week, joining with us in the festivities.*



## Congratulations!

To Tihana who is the winner of our Christmas Card competition. This has been reproduced (thank you Mrs Harley) and is currently being addressed to Professionals and Supporters involved with Hartlip School in the past year.



We also congratulate: Amelia, Zachary, Chloe C, Dainton and Daisy Bo who entered the Christmas Card competition. Mrs Bourne (thank you) took all their designs and created our Christmas dinner invitation to guests. Well done everyone. Your designs are amazing!

## We celebrate the achievements of:

### Tree team points:

Highlighted = winning team of week

House	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6
CHESTNUT	446	197	204	208	201	213
SYCAMORE	446	217	222	210	208	226
OAK	434	217	206	185	175	209
BEECH	464	229	224	197	198	213

Three weeks in a row sycamore! Well done! Can you win the term?

### Cumulative Totals

Highlighted = overall totals, winning team

House	T1 total	Wk 1*	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6
CHESTNUT	1140	446	643	847	1055	1256	1469
SYCAMORE	1376	446	663	885	1095	1303	1529
OAK	1173	434	651	857	1042	1217	1426
BEECH	1383	464	693	917	1114	1312	1525

I have advised the children that the winning tree team will enjoy their term treat the first Friday back January. Everything to DoJo for!

### Next week

**Monday:** School as normal.

2pm: The Magical Christmas Jigsaw Puzzle in Church at 2pm. Please note that the doors to Church will open at 1.45pm. Children can be collected from school in the normal way following this performance. Please collect your child from their classroom

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**Wednesday :** Christmas Celebration Day

Children can wear a Christmas jumper to school for a donation of £1. All proceeds to NSPCC. THEY DO NOT NEED TO WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM ie: leggings/jeans etc on the bottom!

**Lunchtime:** Christmas dinner. Children will enjoy Christmas festivities in their classroom with teaching staff and midday meals supervisor. This will include the Traditional Christmas Roast Dinner

**Afternoon:** Surprise Surprise!

**Wednesday PM:** The Magical Christmas Jigsaw Puzzle in Church at 6pm. Please note that the doors to Church will open at 5.45pm. Children should arrive at school at 5.45pm **DRESSED IN THEIR COSTUME**. They can be collected from school in the normal way following this performance. Please collect your child from their classroom. They will come home in their costume.

**IT IS AN EXPECTATION THAT ALL CHILDREN WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THIS PERFORMANCE TO GAIN THEIR ATTENDANCE MARK THURSDAY AFTERNOON.**

**Thursday:** 8.45am-12midday

School uniform as usual please. No need for book bags or lunch boxes. Please join us for our end of term Carol Service at 11.15am. The children will leave school at the end of this Worship (no later than 12 midday)

We then look forward to seeing you all back in school on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

### Other bits...

**Retiring Collection:** There will be a retiring collection at the end of each Nativity Presentation of The Magical Christmas Jigsaw Puzzles. Donations will cover the costs of the production and the Christmas arrangements for the children. Thank you for your generosity.

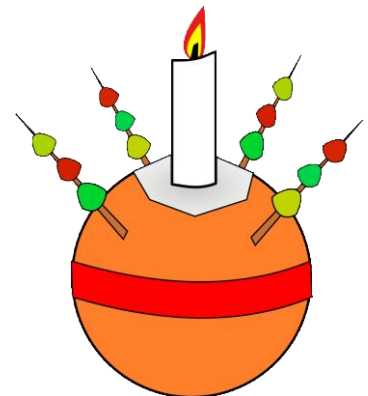


**Parent Forum:** Thank you to those in attendance at the Termly Parents Forum today. A copy of the presentation is attached together with issues raised. Also attached is the termly Parent Questionnaire. We appreciate that this is a busy time, but please do take a moment to complete and return next week. You set our agenda for the forthcoming term. Thank you for your input. There will be a box in the lobby.

**Christmas Postbox:** This opens on Monday. Please address with the receiving child's full name and class. Thank you.

**Dinner Money:** Please ensure all accounts are settled by **WEDNESDAY**. Thank you

**Nine Lessons and Carols:** On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December, St Michaels Church Hartlip hosts a Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. Following our pride of the choir's last appearance, they will be participating in this event. The school community are of course all invited. The Service is at 5pm and our Choir will perform the final song from our Christmas Nativity.



### Christingle:

Please join us Christmas Eve 4pm for our very popular Christingle, a lovely way to remember the true meaning of Christmas for all the family. Children and parents are invited to join us in the morning at 10am to help make Christingles, or take on a role in the service.

On behalf of everyone at Hartlip School I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016 for a happy, fun packed and busy new year!

Yours sincerely

Mrs. T. Jerome  
Headteacher

## **FEEDBACK FORM**

Please use this form to feedback to us anything that is concerning you or you would like to bring to our attention:

*Feedback forms can be placed anonymously in the feedback box in the lobby*

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## Robins

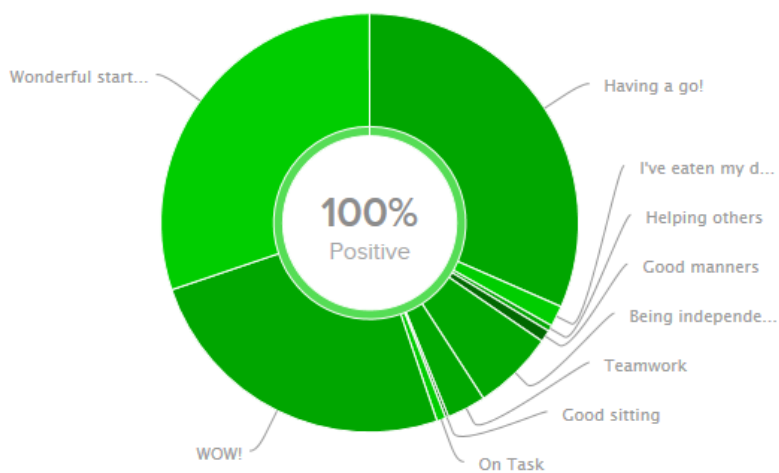


We have been very busy this week in the Robins!

In English and RE we have been learning about the Nativity Story and listening to different traditional Christmas carols.

In phonics we have been learning and identifying which sounds are vowels.

Of course, we have also been practising for our Christmas performance which I hope you will all enjoy.



Have a wonderful weekend.

*The Robins Team*

## Blackbirds



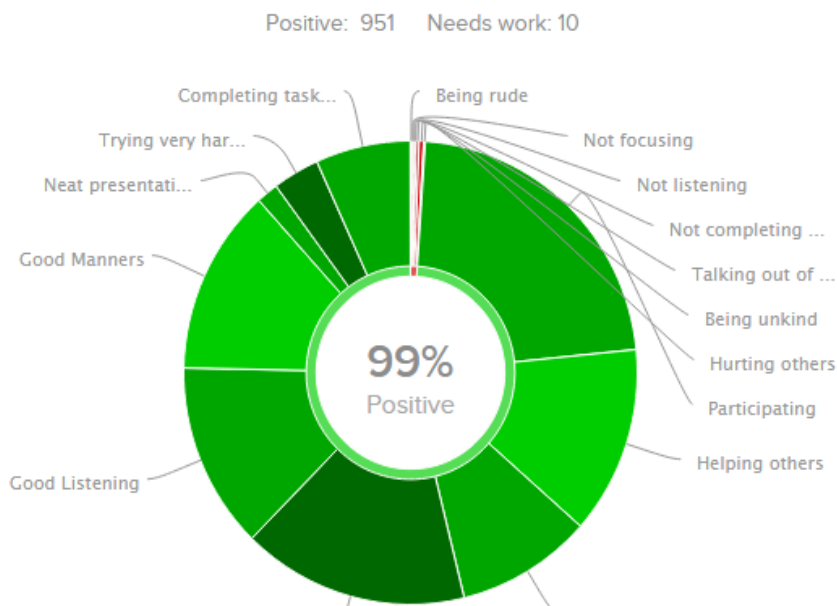
Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy week! The children have been amazing dealing with the 'busy' days throughout the week! What stars they are!

In Maths we have begun looking at time. This can be difficult for children to understand as there are lots of confusing words and rules. We have focused on o'clock and half past this week by looking at the movement of the minute hand around the clock. Can you find some o'clock and half past times for us to read? We have extended this to using digital clocks as well.

In English, we have been adding the plural rules to help our spellings. There are so many rules to remember but we are doing very well. We are also developing our descriptive writing by describing a picture of a Christmas Tree.

Some of the children were very brave this week when they received their flu immunisations (nasal spray) It was a strange experience but the children were very sensible during this time.



*The Blackbirds Team*



## Peacocks



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy week it has been! This week we completed our information leaflets. They are packed full of information, organised under sub-headings, advising the reader of how to survive in the cold. All the research and note taking that we completed has really helped to make these leaflets all our own work. Unfortunately we haven't been able to finish reading Ice Palace so we will resume this in the New Year and hopefully complete some more wonderful literacy work using this text.

Today we will be sharing Christmas Projects. Thank you for all the hard work that goes in to this work.

The afternoons this week have been spent rehearsing in Church. Peacocks are doing a great job singing and learning their parts. Well done! Just one more rehearsal today before our first performance on Monday.

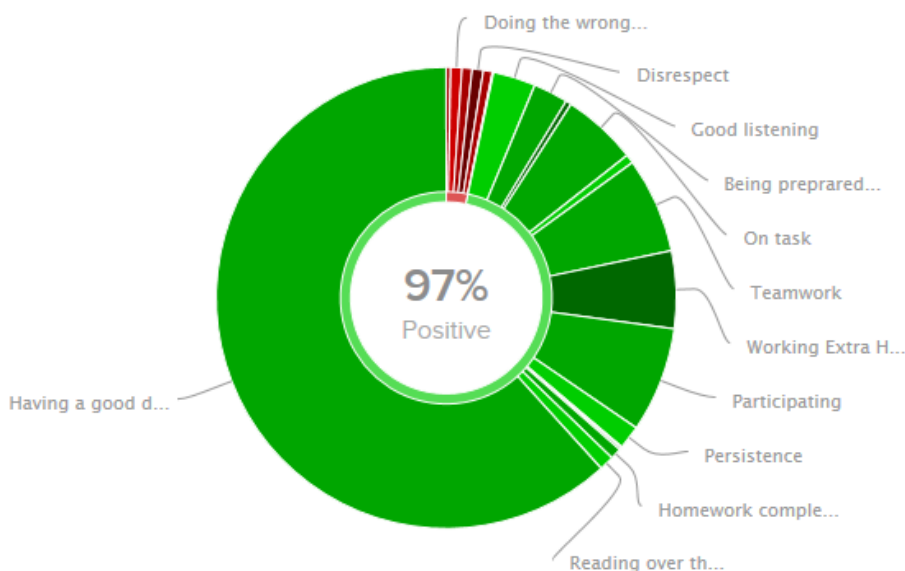
There will not be a newsletter next week, so I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and thank you all; children, parents and carers, for all your hard work. It has been a fabulous term for Miss Thorne and I teaching Peacocks, and I look forward to next term.

### Homework

Maths – Christmas Maths activity pack. Some children may have started this in class already. Please pick the activities that suit you best. These do not need to be returned to school.

Performance – Please continue to learn the songs and lines of by heart.

Here is this week's Class DoJo report:



Kind regards,  
Miss McCabe

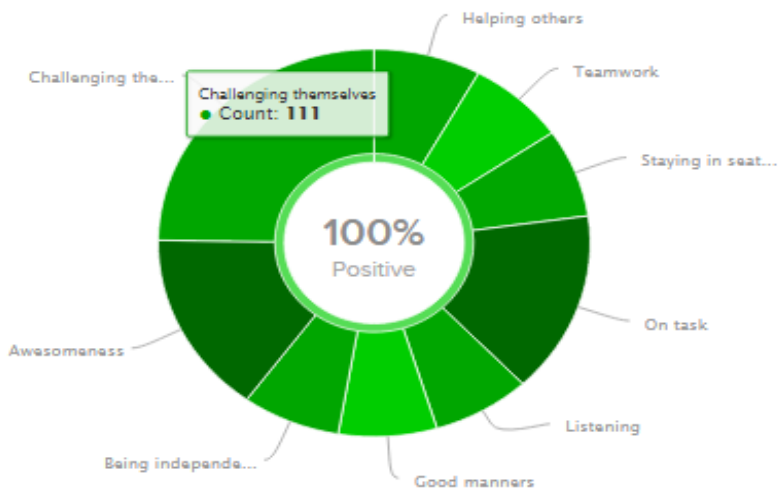
## Eagles

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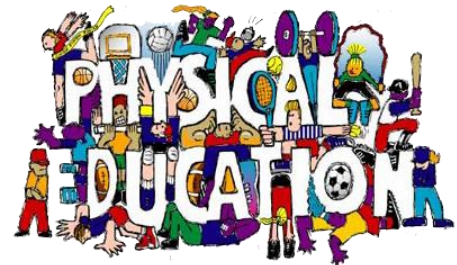


Well done all of you who have completed spectacular space projects! They look really amazing in the area outside of our classroom.

For next week, please continue to learn the words for the school Christmas play, it is great to see that the majority of the class have taken the time to download them from KLZ or to listen to the songs from there.



The Eagles Team



## PE

Unfortunately Mrs Ridge has been unwell this week and not in school. However, our afternoons have been well used in Nativity Rehearsals. The children have worked very hard and been very patient! I am sure that you will enjoy what they look forward to sharing with you.

We hope that Mrs Ridge feels better soon.

*Mrs Jerome for Mrs Ridge*