Dear Families,
The children and staff have thoroughly enjoyed learning and performing the Nativity and Christmas Services this week. Even without a live audience, the children danced and sang with enthusiasm and spoke so clearly. I know that you will be very proud of their performances, and I do hope you enjoy watching the videos with your family.

Year 4 enjoyed a very special Hindu workshop this week, with the opportunity to try on clothing and look at a range of artefacts to help them appreciate how Hindu's worship. They behaved so sensibly and treated our visitors and the artefacts with the respect and sensitivity that they deserved. Both Reception Classes also went on a special trip to Smart Trees for a Christmas adventure and all had a wonderful day. These events support our children's wider personal development and give them experiences that we cannot create ourselves.

Congratulations to all those children who created a flag for Antarctica Day, but especially to Millie Delorenzo, whose flag was selected as the winning design! Have a look on our Facebook page to see a photograph of her flag on the RRS Sir David Attenborough Ship. Well done Millie!

When we return in January, it will be our Get Fit, Get Healthy 3 days and your children can attend school in their PE/Sports clothes every day. They do not have to wear blazers or our uniform PE clothes. During the week the children will have a range of sports activities, health and wellbeing lessons and these will include messages about Protective Behaviours. We will use the NSPCC 'Pants are Private' lesson plans for our younger children and this supports their understanding of keeping safe and being appropriately clothed in front of others.

On January $12^{\text {th }}$, I will be hosting a MS Teams Parent Forum Meeting at 6 pm . These meetings are an opportunity for me to share some of the current developments in school and also ask parents for feedback. When we return to school in January, a Microsoft form will be sent to you, via email, with an agenda outline and this can be returned if you wish to attend. We will then send out invite links to join the meeting.

Thank you to all those parents who have given such positive feedback on the new Early Bird and Tudor Teatime service. We will try to accommodate as many last minute bookings as possible, but as much advanced notice as possible would be very helpful so that staffing can be arranged.

The closing date for Reception Class September 2022 applications is $15^{\text {th }}$ January, so please ensure you or any family or friends of 4 year olds, have completed the online form by that date. We are still hoping to offer one more visit date for prospective parents on Tuesday $11^{\text {th }}$ January at 4.30 pm but this will be dependent on Covid 19 guidelines and local infection rates.

This has been a very busy term, with the ongoing concerns of Covid 19 in the forefront of our minds. If there are any further updates, I will communicate them at the earliest opportunity. I would like to express my thanks for your ongoing support and co-operation in keeping the children and each other as safe as possible. We are also extremely grateful for your words of thanks and Christmas gifts received and on behalf of all the staff, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rachel Hughes

> The children return to school on Wednesday 5th January 2022 for Get Fit, Get Healthy Week. Dress code: Sports kit \& trainers.

## Reception Class Admissions September 2022

## Calling all parents with children who will be 4 years old

## by 31st August 2022!

## Deadline to apply: 15th January 2022

Click on the button below to apply now!

## APPLY NOW

## Calling all Parents! - Vital information!

Now you have registered on MyChildAtSchool, please ensure the notifications are enabled for the app on your mobile phone as all our communication after Christmas will be a push notification or an email. Text messages are now being phased out.

If you need your invitation code emailed to you again, please email the school office: office@perdiswell.tgacademy.org.uk

## Thank you

## Message from the School Council

Thank you so much for all the generous donations to the Worcester Foodbank.
We know it will be very much appreciated.
We hope you have a very Happy Christmas!


Perdiswell School Council

Christmas Services at St. Stephen's
Saturday 18th December - Philomusica Christmas Concert at 7.30pm
Sunday 19th December - Holy Communion with "pop up" Nativity at 10.00am
Sunday 19th December - Carols in Gheluvelt Park at 2.00pm
Christmas Eve - Friday 24th December - Crib Service at 4.00pm
Christmas Eve - Friday 24th December- Midnight Mass at 11.30pm
Christmas Day - Saturday 25th December - Holy Communion at 8.00am and 10.00am
St. Stephen's Day - Sunday 26th December at 11.00am

## PTA Newsletter



We have finished counting up all the money raised through our Christmas events, and we are incredibly excited to announce that:

- The Christmas Hamper Raffle raised over £1000
- The Santa Fun Run raised over $£ 450$
- The Christmas Card sales raised over $£ 350$
- The Christmas Wreath sales raised over £130



## These are amazing totals!!

A huge thank you to each of you for your generous hamper donations and for supporting the raffle and Santa Fun Run event. We had an amazing time, and we really hope that everyone enjoyed themselves. It was so lovely to be able to hold an event and see all the children getting involved.

A special thank you to everyone who helped to set up and man the stalls and to Mr Grange and all the school staff for their support, we really couldn't do it without you.

The Christmas jumper stall was also a huge success so thank you for all your fantastic donations. It was such a success, that we have decided to do it again next year! So, if you are planning to throw out any outgrown Christmas jumpers in January, we will take them off your hands and store them ready for next year. Please bring them into the school office when you can.

If you did order a Christmas wreath, we will be offering a recycling service in the new year. Please bring your wreaths to the school office in January and the PTA team will dismantle them and reuse any suitable parts for next years wreaths.


Finally, we hope that the children enjoyed their visit from Santa this afternoon. Every child should come home with a little gift from the PTA.


We really hope that you all have a fantastic Christmas break, and we look forward to seeing you all in January for more fun events!

