



Newsletter



Pen Mill Infant and Nursery Academy

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Dear parents,

The term has been filled with wonderful Christmas activities for children that will hopefully remain in their memories for many years to come. We enjoyed a wonderful panto on Monday which saw some budding actors taking part and all children involved in the final chorus and production of Dr Dolittle. We thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas visit from Santa and his alpacas, Truffle and Arnie and loved the cuddles and kisses we received after treating them with the carrots. The children found out so many facts about these fluffy, loving boys and even asked if they could fly like the reindeers. The snow then fell onto our playground and onto our children's faces which were filled with insatiable excitement and joy.

The new term in January will also have more exciting activities and we already have a reptile visit booked in for the first week with extra pe lessons being delivered by Owen Kerrigan. Dance sessions with Keri Hill will also start with year one children in readiness for the up and coming dance festival.

As we come to the end of the school year, I want to wish you all a very happy Christmas and we would like to thank the children for all their hard work which can be read through Father Christmas' wonderful messages.

I encourage you to take a look at our website to view our Pen Mill Christmas song inspired by the children, written and produced by Joe Hardy.

*Have a magical Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.
Mrs Manning and all the Pen Mill School staff*



Cygnet and Swan Class

Dear Santa

The children in Swan and Cygnet Class are very excited for Christmas and have enjoyed having Barry the Elf from the North Pole join us in class.

The Children have been learning how to share and be a kind friend and listen well to stories.

I think all the children deserve to be on the **NICE** list this year!

From

Mrs Chamberlain, Mrs Croucher, Mrs Wiggins and Mrs Shephard





Hello Wren Class,

I hear that you have been busy putting on your own Christmas show. I think your play was called 'Whoops a Daisy Angel'. I know that you did a brilliant job and looked amazing in all of your outfits. I bet your Mums and Dads were proud. You also had another

Pantomime performance yesterday. You lucky children. I know that you have been working super hard the last few weeks to get everything ready for Christmas. You have made bauble Christmas cards, sold Christmas trees at the Christmas fayre and made your own calendars. Santa is also getting ready and is super busy too. We appreciate all of your hard work to help people get into the Christmas spirit. Singing is the fastest way to spread Christmas cheer, just like my friend Buddy the Elf said. They made a movie about him - if you haven't seen it yet it's a good film to watch with your families. Buddy is back in the North Pole at the moment making presents in time for Christmas.

I hope that you have a lovely Christmas and spend time with your families. Play lots of games, do things that make you happy and hopefully I will be visiting you on Christmas Eve. Remember to leave me a mince pie and a carrot for Rudolph.



Robin Class

Dear Wonderful Robin class

I've heard that you all think you should be on the good list this year... and I must say, I agree! From the way you greet your friends each morning with big smiles when you walk into the classroom, to how you learn and play together, you've shown me lots of reasons to be proud.

I've even heard that you help your parents at home with jobs like washing up the dishes, tidying your bedrooms, and trying your best to sleep in your own beds at night—that takes real effort, and I'm very impressed!

The elves have told me all about your drawings of snow globes, how much you enjoy watching pantomimes, and how excited you are getting ready for your Christmas party this week, and how much fun you're having with your Christmas tree advent calendar. It sounds like your classroom is full of creativity, laughter, and Christmas cheer!

And here's something very important: Miss Foster is incredibly proud of each and every one of you. She sees your effort, your kindness, and how much you've grown this year.

Keep being kind, keep trying your best, and keep believing in Christmas magic.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays!

With a big Ho ho ho,



Puffin Class

Puffin Class are amazing.

They have worked so hard all year. Their writing has got so much better in a really short time and they are remembering to use capital letters and full stops almost all of the time! They have worked hard in phonics and even know some set 3 sounds now!

But even more importantly, Puffin Class is a class full of lovely, kind children. They are always helpful, both to their friends and to adults. They will help their friends feel better if they are sad or help them up when they fall. They are excellent tidy-uppers and leave the classroom spotless, which helps everyone out. They help at home too.

Puffin Class are excellent at remembering their manners too, saying please and thank you so nicely.



Owl Class

"Ho Ho Ho! Hello, my wonderful friends!

Santa is so proud of all the amazing things you've done this term. You've worked so hard—improving your handwriting, tackling those tricky maths questions, and creating fantastic stories in English.

And that's not all! You've learned your Christmas lines for the big church show, sung beautiful songs, volunteered to spread cheer at Sherborne House, enjoyed fun pantomimes, and even had a trip to the cinema!

Wow, what a magical term you've had!

We appreciate all your hard work and the effort you've put in to make this time so special. You've worked together as a team, and you should be very proud of your achievements.

Santa wishes you a very Merry Christmas and a restful break with your families. Enjoy every moment, have lots of festive fun, and keep up the great work when we return next term!



Goldfinch Class

Hello Goldfinch class,

Ho Ho Ho! I hope you have all been behaving this year. I will be checking my lists over the next couple of days. I hope to see all your names.

I heard that you did some great singing in the church, Mrs Claus said it was beautiful, she could hear it from the North Pole! Didn't some of you go and sing at Sherborne nursing home? How magical, I bet you made the residents smile!

How was the panto at St Micheals? I caught snippets of it whilst I was working making sure my elves were making the toys correctly. I thought the girl who played Jasmine was fantastic!

Mrs Crawley wrote to me and sent me your writing, it is incredible! It is much neater than mine, she also told me all the wonderful things you have learnt. You have been learning to tell the time, so you should be able to make sure you are in bed early on Christmas Eve!

Have a wonderful Christmas and make sure to leave out some cookies, they are my favourite!



A festive thank you from the School Council



A festive thankyou message from the school council

We are so fortunate that all of our families have shown us a great deal of generosity in the lead up to Christmas. We were blown away by your kindness in donations of raffle prizes. Congratulations to all of our winners who have now received their prizes.

It was lovely to see so many families supporting the school fair, thankyou so much to all who made it! All children from the classes made a real effort to make some lovely decorations for their families and we are sure they look wonderful hanging up somewhere special at home.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and thank you all very much for your continued support.

The school council.

