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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



END OF TERM - This term will end today, Thursday 17th December. The new term will start for children on Tuesday 5th January 2021 as Monday 4th January the school will be closed for an INSET training day.

INSET DAY – tomorrow, Friday 18th December 2020 - Following Government Department of Education and Trust advice we are making Friday 18th December 2020 an inset day. Children do not need to come to school on this day. This also means families have a full week's interval between school and meeting grandparents etc on Christmas Day. Thank you for your understanding and apologies for any inconvenience caused.

CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETITION – Children produced some excellent colouring throughout the school. Congratulations to our winners and runners up in the colouring competition. All of the pictures were beautiful and it was really hard to choose, but these are our winners: Ace in Ravens, Leo in Puffins, Eden in Swans and Sam R in Kestrels.

Our runners up are: Theo in Robins, Gracie-May in Penguins, Layla in Swallows and Kian in Kestrels.



READING AWARDS - A huge well done to the following children...

Isabella in Ravens, Olivia in Robins, Antonio in Puffins, Rosie in Penguins, Lucas in Year 3, Ethan in Year 4, Harry in Year 5 and Carmen in Year 6.

The children who achieved reading rewards have shown perseverance and determination with their learning despite an unusual year. These children have gained confidence and reached their individual targets in reading. This is an outstanding achievement within the school and we are all very proud of them, congratulations!

A big thank you to the PTA for donating the prizes, very much appreciated, they were an excellent incentive.

DONATIONS FOR THE ELDERLY – We hand delivered all of the amazing gifts that you kindly donated to the Whitchurch care home this week along with cards that the children had made in class. They were overwhelmed and asked us to say a big thank you to you all for your kind generosity at this difficult time.



YEAR 5 – Children in Year 5 improved their comprehension understanding by character reading from Beowulf!



CHRISTMAS DINNER – The children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas dinner today complete with crackers and Christmas jumpers!



MERRY CHRISTMAS - We find ourselves a third of the way through an academic year already and at the end of a calendar year too! And what a year it has been! This time last year few of us had heard of Coronavirus, and certainly hadn't foreseen the impact it would have on our lives, at work, school and in general. Despite the many challenges presented, Whitchurch Primary School has continued to be a hive of fun, laughter and learning! Superb! If you'd have asked me last December whether I thought the day would ever come when teachers would be educating children remotely in their homes, through the use of a computer, I would have said it was in the future, certainly not this year! Well done to staff, parents, governors and of course children for taking these challenging times in their stride, and using it as a way to develop learning even more. I never tire of saying it, as once again congratulations are in order to all for '*achieving our best together!*'

SANTA HAS ARRIVED! The children were very surprised to find out that Santa's sleigh landed on the roof of the school today, setting the fire alarm off!

After we all assembled outside for a fire drill, the children heard bells ringing and Santa appeared with a sack full of presents for everyone.

It was very exciting and we all sang Merry Christmas to Santa before he left on his sleigh.....



THANK YOU - A big thank you to everyone who has supported our Christmas events and for your continued generosity and assistance in these most difficult times.