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Celebration Assembly

Well done to everyone who received a certificate in celebration assembly at the end of last week:

- Pegasus – Willow & Albert
- Unicorn – Emily M and Harvey
- Phoenix – Mia J and Edward
- Griffin – Paige and Elsie D

Handwriting Award

Nina, Isabelle, Tommy, Sophie A

Bronze Reading Award

Lilah

Silver Reading Award

Albie, Yan, Emily M, Zachary

Kindness Award

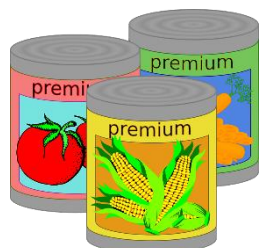
Jack



Reverse Advent Calendar

This year we are organising a reverse advent calendar to support Witney Food Bank. Thank you to those in Pegasus and Unicorn classes who have already donated. Families with pupils in the following classes are invited to bring in a donation of canned or packaged food during the following weeks:-

- Phoenix - 9th December
 - Griffin - 16th December
- There will be a collection box in the foyer.



School Meals

We have been advised by Oxfordshire County Council that the cost of school meals will increase to £2.90 per meal from 1st January 2025. All school meals should be paid for through ParentPay.

Parent Questionnaire

Please can we ask all families to complete the questionnaire linked below by Friday 13th December. Your views are very important to us so we would be very grateful if you could take the time to complete a questionnaire.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-loxAZPM-JvXnmQy6qDsYNMptYg4RGqLX6yt1WmxwqhA66A/viewform?usp=sf_link

Grapes

We have noticed that a number of children are bringing grapes to school in their lunchboxes which have not been cut up. Advice from the NHS is as follows:-
“Grapes are the third most common cause of death in food-related accidents. The size and shape of them can completely plug a child's airway. Always chop grapes in half lengthways and ideally into quarters.”

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties for all classes will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 19th December. Children may come to school in their party clothes but please make sure these are warm enough for outdoor play. We are asking for a £1 contribution per child to the party which can be paid for via ParentPay. Thank you



Pantomime

We are still waiting for a number of permissions for our pantomime visit on Tuesday. Please can you complete the permission and pay the transport cost via ParentPay by the end of the school day. Without your permission, your child will not be able to attend.

This year we are delighted that we can take all of the children to the performance of Jack and the Beanstalk at Chipping Norton Theatre on Tuesday 10th December. We will return to school for lunch. Children will be able to order a school lunch that morning or they can bring a packed lunch. All children will need to wear their school uniform for the trip and we ask that each child brings a non-fizzy drink in a named disposable bottle or carton. The children do not need any sweets or snacks for the performance as these will be provided by the Friends. If you have any concerns about allergies, then please speak to your child's class teacher. The Friends have very generously agreed to fund the entire ticket cost of this visit. We do however need to ask for a contribution of £5 per child to cover the transport costs. Please note that you will need to provide permission and pay the transport cost through your ParentPay account by the end of school today.

Christmas Performances

Our Christmas performances will take place on the following day and times:-

Pegasus and Unicorn Classes – Thursday 12th December at 9.30am in the school hall.
Phoenix and Griffin Classes (all Phoenix and Griffin children are expected to attend) – Monday 16th December at 6.00pm at St John's Church, Hailey.

We are hoping that both performances will be filmed on Wednesday 11th December (order number permitting). If you would like to purchase a DVD or digital download of our Christmas productions at a cost of £10 per copy, then please order and pay via ParentPay by Friday 6th December. There is a separate payment item to order a DVD or a digital download. Please note that if you are ordering a digital download then your email address will be supplied to the videographer. All personal data is deleted from his system once the downloads are completed and is only handled by himself.

Information regarding costumes for Pegasus and Unicorn classes has been sent home. Due to limited space, we are only able to admit three people per performance per family. We will not be issuing tickets, but a member of staff will be on the door to sign you in. To ensure there is no embarrassment at the performances please do not arrive with additional guests as we will not be able to admit them.

Children in Phoenix and Griffin classes are asked to wear a Christmas jumper along with their school trousers/skirt. Socks and tights should be black/grey. Please could all jumpers be in school on Monday 9th December. For the evening performance at church please can children from Phoenix and Griffin Classes arrive at the church at 5.45pm. Please do not arrive earlier as the doors will not be open, and it is cold outside! If you anticipate any difficulty in acquiring a jumper, please let us know as soon as possible. If you have a Christmas jumper that your child has grown out of, and you are happy to lend it to another child then please let a member of staff know.

The children and staff have worked very hard on their performances so please can we kindly request that young children are not brought along to watch. If this is not possible, please can they be taken out of the hall or church if they become noisy or distracting to others. Thank you for your understanding.

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End of Term

We will break up for the Christmas holidays on Friday 20th December at 1.15pm. There will be no After Owls session running that day. We will return to school on Monday 6th January 2025.

Christingle Service - Supporting the Children's Society

Sunday, 8th December, Hailey Church, 3.30pm. Come and create your own Christingle and light its candle to create a wonderful brightness throughout the church. A very special short service for all ages.



Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will be served in school on Wednesday 11th December. If you have not already ordered a Christmas Lunch via the online form then your child will need to bring a packed lunch. Children are warmly invited to wear a Christmas hat if they wish to do so. The Friends have kindly supplied fully recyclable Christmas Crackers.



We'd love you to join our Christmas services at St Mary's

Christmas Eve

- Crib Service at 15:00
- Carol Service at 18:00
- Midnight Mass at 23:00

Christmas Day

- Eucharist at 10:45

All are welcome



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From all at Hailey School, have a good weekend.