



20th December 2019

## Key Dates for your Diary....

### Spring Term Starts:

Tuesday 7th January 2020

### **Midterm Break:**

Mon 17th Feb to Fri 21st Feb 2020

### **School Closes for the Easter Break:**

Fri 3rd April 2020

### Summer Term Begins:

Monday 20th April 2020

### **May Day Bank Holiday:**

Friday 8th May 2020

### **Midterm Break:**

Mon 25th May to Fri 29th May 2020

### **Summer Term ends:**

Friday 10th July 2020

All term dates can be found on our website

### **Year 2 Beaumanor Residential:**

Week Commencing 3rd Feb 2020

### **Parent Evenings:**

Tuesday 11th February (late)

Thursday 13th February (early)

### **Maths Curriculum Workshop**

23rd January 2.00pm



## Message from the Head

It has been another busy and eventful term at Church Hill Infant School. I am sure you'll agree that the children have made us all very proud of their achievements so far, especially their positive attitude to all aspects of school life.

It has been great to see the Christmas festivities in full flow over the last few weeks with so many parents supporting and attending the events. This last fortnight has been packed with celebration and merriment with two productions, a carol service, a whole school pantomime trip, Christmas dinner, parties and a visit from the special man himself... (I am sure he will revisit all of those good boys and girls on Christmas Eve too so keep being good!)

The staff, governors and I would like to take the opportunity to wish all of our children and parents a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year. We look forward to working with you again in the New Year !

*Mrs Bulsara*

## Christmas Activity Day & Craft Fair

Our Christmas Activity Afternoons on 27th & 28th November began our countdown to Christmas. Both afternoons had a record number of parents and carers working with the children to make some fabulous Christmas crafts. Some of these amazing creations were then sold at the Christmas Craft Fair, raising over £273.80

A big thank you to all the children, parents, staff and PTA for your time given and brilliant festive spirit!



## Christmas Performances

Christmas would not be Christmas without the school's nativity play, one of the highlights of the school calendar. This year, the version of the story of the birth of Jesus, **'A King is Born'** was performed beautifully by our Foundation pupils.

Dressed up in their fantastic costumes, all of the children remembered their lines perfectly and sang their hearts out to their families in the audience.

The children in Year 1 also put on an amazing festive show, **'Everyone Loves a Baby'** to a packed hall of very proud family members. The children sang with such enthusiasm and the acting was wonderful and really got us into the Christmas spirit.

And a huge well done to our Year 2 children who delighted us all with their beautiful singing voices at the Christmas Carol Performance. So many parents commented on how lovely it was to hear traditional carols being sung so with such confidence.

A massive well done to all the children and the staff who helped to put together all of the performances. What a fabulous start to the Christmas period!



## Mischievous Elves

For the past two weeks we have had a couple of mischievous elves running wild in school. They were sent by Santa to help get Church Hill Infant School ready for Christmas but soon had other ideas and kept escaping from Mrs Bulsara's office. The class that found where they were hiding each day were rewarded with a book for their classroom.



## School Admissions



**Reminder: You must apply for your child to have a school place if they will be starting school for the first time in September 2020 or are leaving us at the end of year 2 to move to the Junior School.**

- If your child will be four years old before 1st September 2020 and starting school for the first time the closing date for applications is **15th January 2020**.
- If your child is transferring from infant to junior school the closing date for applications is also **15th January 2020**.

To apply for your child's place, apply online at: [www.leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions)

**For more information, contact:** School Admissions on 0116 305 6684 or email:

[admissions@leics.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@leics.gov.uk)



## ‘Jack & the Beanstalk’ Panto Visit

On the morning of Wednesday 11th December the whole school enjoyed a fantastic pantomime of Jack & the Beanstalk at Loughborough Town Hall. Both children and staff were kept thoroughly entertained with singing and acting and of course the very amusing jokes.



## Children In Need

Our pupils had a *beartastic* time on Children In Need Day last month, coming dressed in Pudsey related or fancy dress clothes, the school raised £226 towards this worthwhile cause.

Thank you for all your support.



## Remembrance Service

A minute silence was observed on Monday 11th November to remember those who gave their lives in conflict, with Mrs Parker-Bates playing the last post. The school council also attended the local service at the war memorial in Thurmaston. On behalf of the school, the council took a



poppy wreath, made by the children to lay at the war memorial.

A big thank you to all those that helped to raise money for the Royal British Legion, through the purchase of poppies, wrist bands, key rings etc from the school’s poppy appeal box.

## School Meals

We are very excited to announce that from January we will be a cooking kitchen, with all of our school meals cooked fresh on site using local ingredients. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new catering manager Mrs Hunt to Church Hill Infant School. Mrs Hunt alongside Mrs Vials and Mrs Gessey have been working tirelessly for the past couple of month to develop an exciting and delicious new menu. We are looking forward to sharing this with the children in January and will be offering taster sessions to parents in the coming months.



## Free School Meals & the Pupil Premium

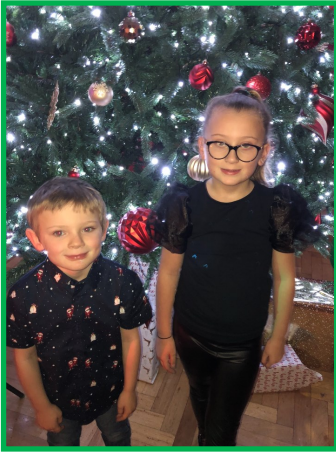
**Whilst all our children receive a free school meal, it is still important to apply for "Free School Meals" through the Leicestershire County Council if you are entitled to do so, as this enables our school to vital "Pupil Premium" funding.**

Pupil Premium is additional funding given to publicly funded schools in England to raise attainment. For more information on how we spend our Pupil Premium allocation and the impact it has please see our website.

If your child is entitled to a “Free School Meal” we will support them further by providing a **uniform package, free milk after your child’s 5th birthday and subsidised trips and clubs.**

To register your child for “Free School Meals” please either contact the school office for an application form or call School Food Support Service on 0116 3056588. Applying and registering for FSM is always confidential.





A big thank you to the PTA team, who have been working hard to organise some fun events for our children. Lots of moving and a shaking was had at the Winter Disco and the Grotto at the Christmas Treat Fair was hugely popular.

If you would like to get involved with the PTA, please email:

[ptachurchhillinfantschool@gmail.com](mailto:ptachurchhillinfantschool@gmail.com)



## Weather



With the upcoming cold spell of weather, we will announce closures by text, our website [www.churchhillinfants.co.uk](http://www.churchhillinfants.co.uk) and on twitter. Please make sure that the school has a record of your **CURRENT** mobile number so that you can benefit from this service.

Can we also remind parents and carers to bring their children in suitable outdoor clothes, i.e. warm coats, hats, gloves and wellies.



## Breakfast & After School Clubs

Our after school clubs have been running successfully for another term, and we are pleased to offer our Key Stage One children the opportunity to take part in clubs which will start at the beginning of the Spring Term. Availability is limited, places can be booked on ParentPay. Please see the flyer coming out in the new term for more information.

Foundation Children will be offered clubs in the Summer Term.

**Breakfast Club** continues and is open every morning from 8am (term time only). There is no need to book, if you want your child to attend please just bring them into school on the morning they are attending and sign them into the register book. There is a charge of £3.50 for each session your child attends; this should be paid in advance through our online payment system "ParentPay".



**After School  
Clubs**

## Staff Updates

*Congratulations*

We would like to say congratulations to Mrs Broom who had a beautiful little boy in September 2019 and Mrs Jones who had a gorgeous little girl in July 2019.

**A VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
and Happy New Year!**