



## Welcome Back!

We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and wish you a very happy New Year. It is lovely to see the children back in school, ready for all the great learning activities we have planned for them this half-term.

School was a hive of activity before the Christmas break with special events, performances, parties and even a delegation of Chinese headteachers who enjoyed some of our English Christmas traditions (our Nursery Nativity, mince pies, Christmas cake and carols by our choir). They also visited our Confucius Classroom to see the children speaking Mandarin Chinese and trying Chinese calligraphy. All these met with their seal of approval and our children were highly praised by them for their excellent behaviour.

## Fund-Raising Thanks

Friends of Longmoor would like to pass on their thanks for your support with Christmas Bingo (£462.69 raised), the Christmas Fair (£1095.98) and the Christmas Raffle (£302.41). All were very popular and we raised our largest amounts ever. Every penny raised is spent on our pupils so we really appreciate your generosity!

A special thank you to those staff and parents who are members of Friends of Longmoor. We are really pleased that a number of parents (and grandparents) have recently joined the committee and were a great help in organising the Christmas events. If you are interested in joining please speak to committee members Mrs. Molyneux, Mrs. Ball or Miss Swift who are on the doors every morning.

## School Cinema Visit

Pupils enjoyed our annual Christmas Cinema Visit to Odeon Switch Island in December – particularly the new luxury leather reclining seats! Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 watched 'Hotel Transylvania 3' and Years 3-6 settled down to see 'Incredibles 2'. A great time was had by all and as always, there was no cost to our families. School paid for the tickets and we have to thank Friends of Longmoor for paying for the buses.



## Attendance News

Fantastic news - we beat our autumn term target of 96% with a record 96.13% attendance and Year 4 were so very close to our overall target of 97% (I wonder what would happen if you achieved that next term, Year 4?!).

We also had great fun 'ringing the bell' for our Christmas attendance prize draw. 26 pupils enjoyed 'Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs' at the Epstein Theatre and 28 pupils sat at the Amazing Attenders party table on the last day of term and received a special goodie bag.

Overall attendance: 96.13%  
Year 6: 96.4%  
Year 5: 96.1%  
Year 4: 96.9%  
Year 3: 96.6%  
Year 2: 95.7%  
Year 1: 95.4%  
Reception: 94.1%

## \*\*\*Our Christmas Stars\*\*\*

It was with great pride that we watched our pupils perform for parents and families during the Christmas period. Thank you to all the staff who dedicated so much of their time and effort to preparing the children so well.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 delighted audiences with their acting, singing, dancing and musicianship in their nativity plays: 'A Little Bird Told Me', 'Superstar' and 'Lights, Camel, Action.'



Our Orchestra and Choir gave a special concert for their parents and the Choir entertained residents at a local care home and patients at Aintree Hospital. They went on to perform at Archbishop Beck's Christmas Concert and then sang for the delegation of Chinese Headteachers visiting our great city. Whew!



*Here is our choir performing 'Gaudete', a Latin Christmas carol, at Archbishop Beck's Christmas Concert. Look out for them performing again in January in the Liverpool Peace Proms at the Echo Arena.*

## General Notices

### Looking Good!

Many children have come in wearing smart new coats and carrying expensive new lunchboxes – sometimes exactly the same style as their friends. Please do label all items clearly with your child's name and class. It makes it much easier for children to find their own belongings and for us to return stray items!

### In an Emergency...

Can we remind everyone that we need at least two working emergency contact phone numbers (preferably more) for every child. If your number has changed or you or any other emergency contacts were lucky enough to get a new mobile phone at Christmas, please pass the numbers in to the office.

### PE Kits

Could we ask that PE kits are sent in on Monday morning and taken home on Friday evenings to be checked and washed. This ensures that children always have their kits to hand if needed. We are often offered PE/sports opportunities at short notice by our Everton coaches but children need kits to take part.

### Nasal flu vaccination

If your child missed the nasal flu vaccination session in school there is a drop-in clinic at Breeze Hill Health Centre, Rice Lane this Friday between 3.30 and 5pm. The vaccination is a simple spray. More information is available on the NHS website Health for Kids [www.healthforkids.co.uk](http://www.healthforkids.co.uk), which is a great source of information on lots of topics relating to children's well-being (head lice, asthma & bereavement to name a few) with advice on who to contact for support as well. Or remember that you can always contact school and ask to be put in touch with the School Nurse.