



### **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

On behalf of the whole team at school, I'd like to wish everyone a wonderful festive break. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school. It is so important for our children's learning that we work in partnership so it's just fabulous that we have such supportive parents. After a rest, we look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2020!

### **Clubs and Music Lessons**

Music lessons will recommence the second week back (13.1.20) with the exception of guitars and piano/keyboards, which will both start back in the first week of term.

Paid clubs (Tag Rugby, Hotshots Basketball, Freestyle Football and Street Dance, and Cheerleading) all begin the first week of term. Please note that Cheerleading starts on Monday 6th January - the first day back! Staff led clubs will begin w/c 13th January. Thank you.

### **A Review of the Autumn Term**

At the end of every term we reflect upon the work we have carried out as part of our School Development Plan. I wanted to take this opportunity to share some of our Autumn Term highlights:

- The 'Happiness Survey' showed that children feel safe and happy at school and this was also reflect in the Parentview Survey back in October.
- 95% of children have made good or better progress in Reading, Writing and Maths this term.
- Our two new teachers, Miss Bradbury and Mrs Cameron, are well established as part of the Hartwell Team.
- Our 'Early Reading' books are now better aligned with our teaching of Phonics.
- We have invested a lot in the range of non-fiction books in our library, whilst also keeping our fiction section updated.
- The Christmas performances were simply amazing!

### **Keep on Reading**

As you know, we love reading and talk about it all the time! It is the cornerstone of our curriculum. Please take every and any opportunity this Christmas holiday to read and share books with your child/ren. What a great opportunity to relax together and enjoy stories and information books. The staff and I are all excitedly discussing the books we will relaxing with this holiday!

### **Last week's attendance:**

Class R = 94%; Class 1 = 93.7%; **Class 2 = 98.9%**; Class 3 = 93.8%;  
Class 4 = 87.1%; Class 5 = 97.7%; Class 6 = 94.8%  
Last week our whole school attendance was 94.2%.

