

At the end of what has been a very busy but also very successful term, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and wish you a very happy Christmas with your families and a healthy and happy new year!

Curriculum

This half term's theme of **Leadership and Management (a DT focus)** – saw the children forming companies to design and make products to sell at the Enterprise Fair this week. They will get to choose what to spend their profits on to benefit their year group. It was great to see so many of you battling through the crowds to visit all of the stalls. The children were so excited to be selling their wares (there are definitely several very effective future sales reps amongst our pupils!). I'm very pleased with my new felt Christmas tree decorations (thanks to Year 5) and have stocked up on sweets for the festive season, courtesy of Year 4. Santa's reindeer will be fed well with Year 4's reindeer food and I have been busy dipping Year 3's cookies into my cups of tea this week! The queue to see Santa in Year 6 was too long for me to join, but I've certainly been kept entertained by their snow globes and everyone who bought one of their clocks will never be late for an appointment again!



Talking of which, our **attendance** for this term is 96.5%, this is above our year target of 96% and in line with the national attendance figure. Well done everyone and especially to classes 3B, 4R, 4U, 4GR, 5L, who have come top of the leader board for attendance and to 3C, 4U, 5C, and 6B who have been recognised for having 100% punctuality during some weeks this half term.

Competitions

Children from Y3 and Y4 took part in a Feltham schools football tournament at Bedfont School; they played very well and came a respectable 3rd. Also coming in 3rd place, the Year 5 and 6 football teams played against other local schools

at Feltham Community College. Well done to Mr Lovell and his teams!

Mr Lovell also organised a competitive football event for all of his football teams from each year group. Despite the cold weather, many of you turned up to support the children and a good time was had by all who took part and watched!

Visits / Visitors

Dr Russ Quaqlia, our Aspirations leader, and members of the Aspirations Academies Trust board, brought some visiting headteachers from Sweden to look around our school a few weeks ago– they were all so impressed by the confidence and good manners of our children and also by the standards of work visible around the school. We know our school is amazing, but it is always nice to hear it from people who are not at all biased!

Year 3 are looking forward to their pantomime trip to see Cinderella at Woking theatre next week.

Years 4, 5 and 6 were able to take advantage of the national film month's free cinema tickets. All loved their cinema trips in November.

Year 5 and 6 children had the opportunity to work with a visiting poet in November. Some very creative writing was generated from this!

All year groups enjoyed sharing lessons with parents this week during our **Work With Your Child afternoons** and we are all looking forward to our inaugural **Christmas concerts** being held in St Dunstan's church next week!

Our **Pupil Voice notice board** has got the children thinking about solutions to the lack of space at lunchtimes in our dining hall during the winter months. As a result, we intend purchasing some more dining tables and making use of the main hall during colder lunchtimes for children eating packed lunches.

Our **Aspirations Parliament** departments have all met and discussed various issues. The Prime Minister and her Deputy will be feeding back to the rest of the school in assembly at the start of next term and will also be talking to the Governors about their ministers' opinion of their school.

Celebration of Achievement



I had a lovely **tea party** this week with the children who have gained the most **Aspirations Points** in their class this term. It was great to witness the conversations happening between the children from all the different year groups, discussing their Enterprise companies and also what they got their points for. We were joined for a brief time by Mrs Howley, our Chair of Governors as she carried out her Safeguarding monitoring! Well done to Jenna, Dean, Daniel (Y6), Cage, Felix, Sourav, Bradley (Y5), Rebecca, Harry, Joshua, Rishaban (Y4), Patrick, Olivia, Unique and Israel (Y3) – it was lovely spending time with you all!

The following children were awarded Principals's Awards for their great attitude to learning in the first half of the Autumn term:

Y3 – Israel, Kayden, Himani, Malachi, Ruby, Daniel, Martina, Azaan

Y4 – Rihana, Kaine, Sophie W, Dharun, Palak, Freddie, Tyler, Lola

Y5 – Chloe C, Bradley, Mark, Michael, Andreea, Sourav, Felix, Libby

Y6 – Sarena, Maaya, Yolanda, Courtney, Hembra, Hadi

Community / PTA



The Fireworks event literally started this half term with a bang! What a lovely community atmosphere it had and I know this will now become an annual thing. You raised in excess of an amazing £4000 between you and I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did.

The children are looking forward to the **Christmas discos and Christmas raffle** next week. I am sure the PTA will be in touch in the New Year to tell you how much they have raised so far this year and what the money will be spent on.

My thanks go to the PTA ladies and their willing band of volunteers who make these events run so successfully for our children.



Charity Fundraising

We held a 2 minutes silence on Remembrance Day and raised over £60 from the sale of poppies in the school. Then we got all cosy in our onesies for Children In Need back in November raising £467. Next Friday we will wear our bobble hats and Christmas jumpers with pride, showing our support for the NSPCC and the Text Santa charities.

Staff News

Mrs Kasza has returned from her maternity leave which means we will be saying goodbye and thank you to Miss Mikrut at the end of term. I know she will be missed but has lots of stories to tell her new class of children in Poland!

Miss Abdelmula and Ms Watkins have joined our fantastic team of Teaching Assistants recently and are settling in well.

So, that is the main news for now! Your child will be bringing their **end of term summary** home next week. As the new expectation is based on reaching a set of 'National Standards' by the end of each year, we are trialling reporting with colours to show how your child is doing towards attaining these National Standards and also how well they are progressing with their learning. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions about the report.

Happy holidays and we are already looking forward to starting the Spring term with you on January 5th 2016! *Mrs M. Lancy, Principal*

Coming Up In the Spring term...

Parents Maths Curriculum info evening – come and sharpen your Maths skills and learn something new to help your child develop their Maths understanding! 20th January at 6pm

Y6 PGL Parents Info evening – 1st Feb at 6pm
February trips – Y4 and Y5 visits to Butser Ancient Farm, Y6 visit to the Imperial War Museum
Y3 visit to Marwell Zoo - TBC
World Book Day in March – dress as a book character!
Visiting Author Josh Lacey will be here on 4th March
WWYC mornings w/b 7th March
Y6 school journey to PGL, Weymouth w/b 14th March
Skipathon for the British Heart Foundation