

## Head's Message

Dear Parents,

As ever, there has been a number of different events and activities taking place at Larks Hill School during the last week or so. Last Friday, some of the Year 6 children were involved in the 'School Takeover Day', which as per last year proved to be a really wonderful experience. The intention is that we have another of these days during the second half of the academic year.

On Wednesday, the school community supported the Age UK Charity and I am delighted to report that as a result of all the different initiatives on the day a grand total of £499 was raised for this superb cause. My sincere thanks goes to all the children and their families for their continued support and generosity. On a similar note, I would like to express my gratitude to Miss Poppy Clarke and the School Council for planning and coordinating the day so successfully.

I was once again amazed to note the high quality of artwork that was on display during this week's Mindfulness session in the school hall. It is really lovely to see so many children and parents enjoying this after school club offering. The work produced is now being used as a backdrop for the different Nativity performances that are planned for next week.

On Wednesday Morning the choir went carol singing in town to raise money for the Children's Society. They performed and behaved wonderfully. Thank you to Mrs Moss and Mrs Walton for accompanying the choir and all the parents that went to watch the children sing.

Yesterday evening, a large number of children from across all year groups returned to school for the 'Reading by Candlelight' session. Thank you to Miss Howard for organising this and to all the staff who stayed in school until late, in order to help read with the children in the different classrooms.

The Year 3 children were truly amazing during their Christmas Guitar Concert and the audience were astounded at the volume and quality of music they were able to play, after only a few weeks of learning the instrument. It was super to see such a high level of support from the children's parents and grandparents.

At the time of writing, the final preparations are being put in place ahead of today's Christmas Lunch, which I am sure will be thoroughly enjoyed by the children and staff alike. I would like to publicly thank Mrs Tunningley and all the kitchen staff for all their hard work in preparing this and for all their hard work and efforts providing the food for the school on a daily basis.

With all best wishes,

Mr Shuttleworth

### This week's attendance...

Year	Attendance
Reception	96%
Year 1	98.6%
Year 2	97.4%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	97.1%
Year 6	97.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>97.2%</b>

### Coming up next week...

- On Monday Children in KS2 are going to Wakefield Theatre to see Jack and the Beanstalk. We expect them back at school for collection at around 4.30pm. Updates to this will be sent via text on Parentmail.
- Nativity tickets for EYFS and KS1 are available to book on Parentmail.
- Christmas jumper day on Friday, we are asking for donations of bottles and chocolate for the Christmas Fayre tombola.