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| |  | | --- | | Friday 2nd December 2016  The Mill Messenger  *“Advent Starts”* | |  | | *“Think like a proton…*  *Stay positive!”* | |  | |  | | --- | | Stars of the Week: 25.11.2016   Congratulations to: Noah, Madiha, Yanis, Salma, Sara, Precious, Bennett, Ashton, Megan, Amy, Marnie, Wanesa, Frankie, Taibah, Toby, Harry, Freddie. Stars of the Week: 02.12.2016   Congratulations to: Millie, Tilly, Amy, Dolton, Antaris, Chloe, Jamie, Eden, Alyina, Lewis, Cory, Isabell, Leo, Saifullah, Maybelle, Harrison, Andrei.  **House Cup Winners:**  Congratulation to the Blue Pride house for winning this week with a score of 35 points. The other scores are: Inspire 28, Courage 34, Ambition 30  **Attendance Cup Winners**  Congratulations to Lichtenstein class in Year 2 who have an attendance score this week of 99.2%! Well done - take a bow you are this week’s attendance cup winners! | |  | | **Key Dates:**  **Christmas Dinner –** Wednesday 7th December  **Non Uniform Day –** Friday 9th November  **Christmas Fair –** Friday 9th December  **Christmas Performances -** Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th December  **Last day of Term** – Friday 16th December  **First Day of Spring Term** – Tuesday 3rd January 2017 | |

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Our “7 habits for happy kids,” assemblies and learning culminated this week in a summary of all of the habits. The children were able to talk about what the habits mean and how this can impact on their own lives and allow them to lead their own lives. It is a program designed to help children look at situations and decide which path they could choose, influence their choices and give them opportunities to shape their own life path. A reminder of the habits are below. Resources can be found on line if you would like to discuss this more as a family. They are adapted from Stephen Covey’s, “7 habits of highly effective people,” which is planned for adults.

**1. Be**P**roactive** - Manage feelings and stay optimistic.

2. **Begin with the End in Mind** - Anticipate the good, persist, and be [resilient](https://www.psychologytoday.com/basics/resilience).

3. **Put First Things First** - Prioritize positive choices, plans and accomplishment.

4**. Think Win-Win** - Adopt a growth mind-set.

5.**Seek to Understand and Be Understood** - Manage feelings and be empathetic.

6.**Synergise** - Focus on strengths. Work as a team.

7. **Sharpen the Saw** - Take care of self and others and find meaning and purpose.

**Children in Need**. The children had a good day joining in team games, using parachutes, dancing and singing all culminating in the end products of fun and charity. Furthermore the teddy bears picnic the day before helped add pennies to the pot all in aid of Children in Need. As a school, we managed to raise £340 and this money has been sent to the charity. Well done and thank you all for supporting. This money goes to children and we are all able to say we have helped. Thank you.

The next 2 weeks will be the last time you could earn a raffle ticket this term to go into the attendance draw. All tickets are kept in the office and Mrs Finnie adds one every time you are in school 100% of that week. We will draw the ticket for the bike on the last day of term. Good luck everyone!

A reminder that our **Eco-committee** is looking at how we can enhance our environment and help reduce our own carbon footprint. As a result, we will be **emailing newsletters** and other letters in the New Year, to reduce the amount of paper we are sending home. Please ensure that the office have your correct email address on file before this date. If you require paper copies they will be available from the office as well as a copy of the newsletter being posted on our website.

We have closed the applications for a parent governor role in school that was advertised in May, June and September. We will be appointing a new parent governor. On the same note, we welcome Mrs Cheryl Walsh to the governing body as a staff governor.

Remember your festive jumpers for next week’s Christmas lunch and also for your performances! I can’t wait to see them all!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards,



Mr. Matt Lecuyer

Headteacher