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| |  | | --- | | Friday 2nd December 2016  The Mill Messenger  *“Happy Christmas”* | |  | | *“Ho, Ho, Ho. Merry Christmas”* - Santa | |  | |  | | --- | | **Stars of the Week:** Congratulations to: Chloe, James, Reece, Sky, Lilly, Billy, Ellie, Naelle, Ellee, Eden, Ahyan, Aaliyah, Andreea, Logan, Miriam, Luca and Riley  **House Cup Winners:**  Congratulation to the Blue Pride, Red Integrity, Yellow Courage and Green Ambition houses for trying their hardest and really working together this term. Thank you and well done!  **Attendance Cup Winners**  Congratulations to Lichtenstein class in Year 2 who not only are our weekly winners but also half term!  C:\Users\scootes\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Outlook\ANOFA7MP\IMG_0107.JPG  Thank you also to the following pupils for designing our Christmas performance programmes & tickets: Maybelle, Katie, Makenzie, Destiny, Jenny, Adam, Jessica, Riley, Katie and Caitlin! | |  | | **Key Dates:**  **First Day of Spring Term** – Tuesday 3rd January 2017  **Parent’s Evening** – Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th February  **End of Half Term** – Friday 17th February  **Inset Day** – Monday 27th February  **First Day of Term** – Tuesday 28th February  **End of Spring Term** – Friday 7th April | |

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

The end of term two has come, it is the end of the year and it has arrived oh so so fast,

Children’s learning and friendships, memories and moments have been made and built to last.

From our youngest learner in Reception, to 1, 2, 3, 4, then 5 to our eldest in Year 6,

Teachers, TAs, Office and Premises team, as well as Governors and PTA into the mix.

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We have all worked together, exploring new concepts and have all shared what we have done

With celebration assemblies, trips and visitors, that make our learning good fun!

A Year 4 Badminton win, our football team of boys and also one of Year 5 and Year 6 girls

Young Interpreters, School council, Room 13 committee, a Teddy Bear’s picnic with our Miss Dearle!

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We helped Children in need, PTA Christmas fair, we collaborated with Manor Green School,

A trip to Mill Pond, The Globe Theatre and Hinde and finding mysterious green drool!

Making animations and movies, Superhero days, then a visit from the R.S.P.B,

MP visits, music and art exhibits and recording a nursery rhyme CD.

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Making Periscopes, a chocolate factory, science experiments as well as looking at sound,

Feeding Fred, Polar Express, Traction Man story, and then 7 Habits making learning so round.

With talk stories and writing, investigating our maths, and reading quizzes galore,

Then mind maps, artist studies and topics on games as well as PE we adore!

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The time has now come to finish the term and also to celebrate 2016 as a year,

The singing performances brought smiles to all faces and ended in rousing cheer!

What’s left is to say, wherever you are and no matter what you will do;

From all of us here at The Mill School, Happy Christmas and New Year to you.

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A Christmas Gift for you! - Free Animation Software available:

As part of the year 4 topic the school have purchased an annual licence for an amazing piece of animation software (as recommended by professional animators) called Zu3D.  As part of the licence it allows all children to install it on a single PC, MacBook or iPad at home.  The software is very easy to use with ‘Help’ videos available within the software and on the internet, allowing you to make professional looking animations with ease.  Why not try creating a special Christmas message animation?  Send any completed animations that you would like to share to [room13@themill-tkat.org](mailto:room13@themill-tkat.org) .To install the software download it from <http://www.zu3d.com/download> , or for iPads search for Zu3D in the app store. When asked for the licence details, use: Account Name: The Mill Primary Academy Student Account Code: 3WCV5-5WRJJ-253XA-XCLJA-FABCH

Have a wonderful holiday together with your families. See you in 2017!



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