



Hotwells Primary School

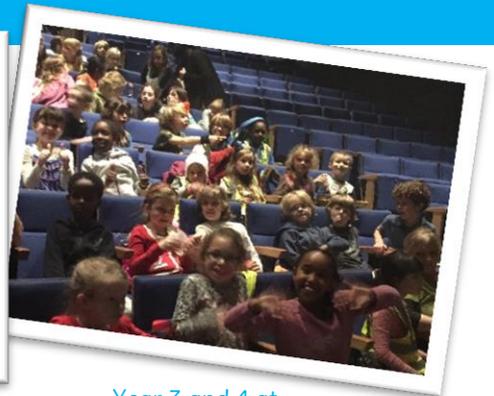
Newsletter – December 2017



Year 5's Campfire



Year 6's celebrating a Victorian Christmas



Year 3 and 4 at the Redgrave Theatre

Dear Parents,

The Christmas holidays are almost upon us and I would like to wish all families a very happy and warm Christmas break. Thank you to everyone for the support and enthusiasm that you all give to our wonderful school!

Our Christmas productions are giving school an extra sparkle this week! **Reception's very own Nativity Story** was a resounding success – it was a delight to see our youngest children perform with such confidence to parents and friends. **Year One and Two's 'Twas the Night Before Christmas** is showing this week – full of fantastic singing, dancing and acting, well done to all involved. We are looking forward to **Key Stage Two's Carol Concert** tomorrow at 10.30am, all welcome! The children have put much thought and effort into their carols and readings and we look forward to sharing the morning with Hotwells Music Workshop as they join our own budding orchestra members in playing live for the concert.

Last week **Year 3 and 4 visited the Redgrave Theatre** to see the Wizard of Oz. The performance was enjoyed by everyone with heart-warming comments from the children. Members of the public reported back to staff on our pupils' exemplary behaviour.

Last week also saw **Class Six's Victorian Day** take place amidst much good cheer – Christmas table decorations adorned the classroom and a gigantic paperchain encircled the entire playground!

Class Five recently enjoyed their own very special camp fire afternoon as a whole class reward for their exemplary behaviour and hard work – they enjoyed toasting marshmallows and singing songs around the camp fire.

Our **Nursery Class** loved their first class trip out last week as they visited the local post box to send their letters to Father Christmas.

Thank you to all the parents who have been able to support us with help to make these trips out and extra special days such a success.

Thank you to the PTA who ran a wonderful **Christmas Cracker** on Friday! We nearly raised for £700 for the school! A big well done to Class Six whose entrepreneurial skills came to the fore; the stalls were designed and created using a pre-planned budget and the proceeds will be used to buy class resources.

Below: Year 6 at the PTA Christmas Cracker



Left: Nursery posting their letters for Santa to the North Pole.



Below: High Tea with Mrs. Delor



Above: Year 6 performing at St. George's



Our school **Writing Competition**, run by Mr Small was celebrated in assemblies this week. The winners were Olwen in Class Six for her piece 'Starry Night Sky', Fiona in Class 5 for powerful piece of prose 'Dimensions of Freedom', Birdie in Class 4 with her poem 'The Howling Wind', Jemimah in Class Three with her poem 'My Dream Sparkles' and Benj in Class 2 for his 'Starry Night' poem. What talented writers we have!

High Tea this term has welcomed Eleanor and Dishita from Class 6, Fiona and Amior from Class 5, Ben and Eva from Class 4, Winnie and Freddie from Class 3, Zane and Amelie from Class 2 and Eve and Zack from Class 1 for upholding our school values every day.

Thank you to everyone who filled in our **Parent Questionnaire** in November. All of your comments and suggestions will help to form our developments in the coming year. All questionnaires returned before December have been analysed with the following results:

100% of those returning the survey before December are 'happy with their choice of school'; 'feel that their child is making good progress' and 'would recommend Hotwells to a friend'.

Parents felt the most improvements had been made in the following areas: 'my child is encouraged to eat healthily'; 'my child is encouraged to work hard and do their best' and 'school helps people of different backgrounds to get on well'.

Parents felt the least confident in 'knowing who the school governors are' (although we had also made the most progress, compared to other schools, in this area!) Please look at the governors notice board, outside Class 4 near the big blue door, to gain more governor news and information.

It simply remains for me to wish you all a joyful and peaceful festive time with family and friends and much happiness in the New Year. We look forward to seeing you back at school on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

From Mrs Delor

'The future depends on what we do in the present'
– Mahatma Gandhi