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The Heads Up

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***"Everyone is different
and that means
everyone can fit in."***

I hope that this letter finds you all well and that you have had a good week. I genuinely can't believe that next week will be the start of December! This is always a busy time of year but also a very lovely time of year with a definite feel-good-factor. The younger children have been practising their Christmas performances and it is very nearly time to welcome parents in to see them in action! I have managed to get a sneaky-peak of some of the rehearsals and I have been really impressed. "Finding your voice" is something that we place huge importance on and it is really heart-warming to see so many of our younger children making the most of this opportunity to perform. I can't wait to see the shows over the next two weeks and I'm sure that you share my excitement!

We have been approached by one of our parents to see if we would like to join in with the Reverse Advent Calendar initiative on behalf of the Aylesbury Food Bank. We really like this idea and if you would like to participate too, please bring the items into school and place them on our Food Bank table which will soon be located near to the main entrance. Thank you to Kerri for organising this!

**Aylesbury Foodbank**
Together with Trussell

**Reverse Advent Calendar**

Please check our website for Christmas opening times, and to see what we may be running short of. Thank you!

1 Tinned soup	2 Vegetarian meal	3 Christmas pudding	4 Tomato sauce	5 500g Rice	6 Shower gel
7 Christmas biscuits	8 Microwave mug for the homeless	9 Tinned fish	10 Drinking chocolate	11 Jam	12 Breakfast cereal
13 Tea bags	14 Christmas chocolate	15 Long-life fruit juice	16 Instant mash potatoes	17 Tinned vegetables	18 Pasta sauces
19 Christmas Pudding	20 Tinned meat	21 Sponge puddings	22 Rice pudding or custard	23 UHT long-life milk	24 Tinned fruit

Drop off time

We just wanted to remind everyone that in the mornings, staff will be outside supervising the children from 8.30 onwards. If you arrive before this, you will need to stay with your children or else they will be outside by themselves.

We would also like to remind everyone not to walk through the car park at any time and to use the public crossings to cross the main road.



SAVE THE DATE

PTA Christmas Disco

Thursday 19th December at
6.00pm

More information to follow.

Meetings with staff

Over the past year, we have seen an increase in the number of appointments and meetings which are made, where those parents due to attend simply don't turn up. We fully understand that things come up, often unavoidable and at short notice. As a small school, it can be really tricky to arrange these meetings, as we need to organise cover if a class teacher is needed and we need to make sure there is a room available. If meetings are cancelled last minute, or people don't turn up, it may not always be possible to arrange a new meeting date at a time most convenient for you, it needs to fit in with our schedule as well, and this can often be quite complicated to organise. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Attendance and Punctuality since September:

Bluebells: 95.3%

Year 1: 95.6%

Year 2: 95.1%

Year 3: 95.8%

Year 4: 95%

Year 5: 95.4%

Year 6: 93.7%

Whole school: 95.1%

If you have any queries regarding punctuality or attendance, please see Mr Horsfield or Mrs Allen.

Key dates

Wed 4th December – Preschool and Bluebells Christmas play, 10.00am

Fri 6th December—Mufti day for raffle prizes

Tue 10th and Wednesday 11th December – Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas play, 2.00pm

Thurs 19th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas lunch

PTA Disco

Fri 20th December – School closes for Christmas break

Tue 7th January—School and Kids Kapers reopens

Mon 27th January—Parent Forum, 6.00pm

Tue 11th, Thurs 13th February—Parent consultations

w/c Mon 17th February—half term

Internet safety for younger children

Early use of digital technology can boost language skills, social development, and creativity in children. However, it also carries risks like exposure to inappropriate content, sharing personal information, or imitating older kids online. Here's how to ensure a safe and positive online experience for children aged 6-10.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/>

The Designated Safeguarding Leads at our school are Mr Horsfield, Mrs Dawkins and Mrs Allen. We are always available to help you and your children and we can be contacted at any point if you have a safeguarding concern. Your concerns will always be taken seriously and will be treated sensitively.

PTA Christmas Raffle Mufti Day – Friday 6th December

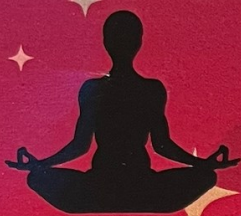
This year, we will once again be hosting a Christmas raffle with a variety of prizes available to win. We would also like to run a 'wrap-a-gift' room at the Christmas Disco, where the children can buy presents for their family. On **Friday, 6th December**, your child can come to school in non-uniform in return for an item to go towards the raffle or wrap-a-gift. These items could include: gifts, bottles, books, chocolate, bath-room products..... anything that you think would be a nice treat for someone this Christmas. We also want to have prizes that the **children** could win, therefore we require suitable items for **children** as well.

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Aylesbury,
Buckinghamshire HP22 5PG



Halton Amateur Theatrical Society Proudly Present

1001 Arabian Nights



by Damian Trasler, David Lovesy and Steve Clark



Tickets:

Adults-£10

Children and

Concessions. -£8

When:

Friday 24th January 2025 at 7:30 p.m.,

Saturday 25th January 2025 at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 26th January 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

Friday 31st January 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 1st February 2025 at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 2nd February 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

Doors open 30 minutes prior to show time. No disabled access.

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THE LION THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

by C.S. Lewis
dramatised by Theresa Heskins

DECEMBER 2024

Friday 6th - 19:45

Saturday 7th - 14:30

Sunday 8th - 14:30

Friday 13th - 19:45

Saturday 14th - 14:30

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