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Christmas Jumper Day

Last Friday, as **EYFS FriYAY** treat, they went on a Christmas jumper day parade to show off their Christmas jumpers. Classes cheered and celebrated as EYFS walked passed.

Here is Mason showing his jumper off to Year 6 Maple class!



It's Panto Time—oh no it wasn't!



As has now become a Harlands tradition, the children were treated to a Christmas Pantomime—this year it was Cinderella,



complete with lots of squeaky mice helping out Cinders, and not forgetting some very “beautiful” ugly sisters!

Christmas Cheer

A huge thank you to Father Christmas for visiting our school yesterday to greet the children on arrival and deliver some very special presents.

We are also grateful to our talented keyboard players and to Mr Pope for providing wonderful festive music in the mornings.



Most of all, thank you to everyone for bringing their festive smiles and making the day so magical for our whole school community!



Christmas Lunch



A huge thank you to all the PTA elves who came and helped with Christmas Lunch on Wednesday, decorating the hall, helping the children, and providing the snow machine as the children went out to the playground.

And also a big thank you to the lovely GoCatering staff who cheerfully serve our lunches every day.





Carol Service



Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Key Stage 2 Carol Service on Monday.

The readers from each year group read beautifully, the singing by the year groups was wonderful, and the performance by the Ukulele Club was amazing.



Thank you to St Wilfrid's Church for hosting our annual service, and to all the parents and carers who attended to support and encourage the children. It was a truly special celebration and a lovely way to share the festive season together.

The Nutcracker

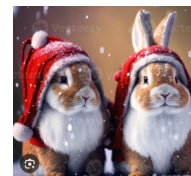
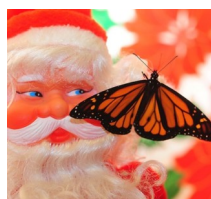
We were very proud of **Felicity** and **Ava** (Year 6) as they confidently hosted a festive Key Stage 2 assembly yesterday all about The Nutcracker. They shared the magical story of this traditional Christmas ballet, which is performed around the world, and explained that the ballet, by the composer **Tchaikovsky**, includes many well-known and much-loved musical pieces that children and adults alike often recognise.



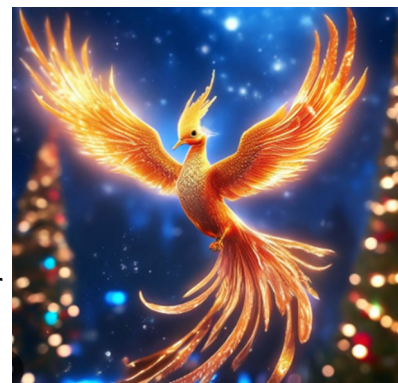
Felicity and Ava also spoke about their own love of ballet, sharing what inspires them and why they enjoy dancing. Their enthusiasm and confidence were infectious, helping to inspire others to be curious, creative and willing to try something new!

Seasonal Ending

We were delighted to see **Ruby** and **Chloe** (Year 6) confidently hosting our whole-school Christmas assembly today, with Ruby singing beautifully and Chloe offering wonderful support throughout.



The message of the assembly reminded us that, just like the seasons of the year, our school journey changes and grows, but through every season we remain one school community where everyone belongs, supports one another and matters.



Happy Christmas!

Trustees would like to take this opportunity to wish all the Harlands community—children, families and staff - a happy and safe holiday.

See you all next year!

And all the staff would like to thank parents/carers for their kind gifts which are much appreciated.

Thank you also for the donations for the Christmas performances and Carol Concert which have raised **£350** for the Kent, Surrey, Sussex Air Ambulance



Diary Dates

Friday, 19 December

Monday, 22 Dec— Friday, 2 January

Monday, 5 January

Tuesday, 6 January

Thursday, 22 January

Friday, 13 February

Monday, 16-Friday, 20 February

Monday, 23 February

Friday, 27 March

INSET Day

Christmas Holiday

INSET Day

Children return to school

Young Voices Choir to the O2

INSET Day

Half-term break

INSET Day

Last day of Easter term

Payment reminders: Y6 ongoing instalments for residential trip



Infant Tea Towels Raised £635!

Thank you to Debra Hollingum for organising the lovely infant tea towels. The drawings are so cute and we suspect there will be lots of happy family members receiving tea towels for Christmas this year!



Children's Festive 'Elf' Lunch at School

More than 20 elves descended on the school hall to help with the children's festive lunch provided by Go Catering! Lots of fun was had, with tinsel and decorations all over the hall - jokes were told (both by the elves and by the kids!), and the snow machine at the end was a real highlight for everyone!

Thank you to all the volunteers who took time out of their day to take part and special thanks to Kim Staines-Rebeiro for organising such a joyful event!

PTA Autumn Term Round-Up

The PTA has had a great autumn term, with new Trustees coming on board at the AGM, lots of new volunteers, a fun disco, cake sales, pre-loved uniform sales, a wonderful new Light Trail and Winter Fair, a winter raffle, tea towel and Christmas card fundraisers and cheeky elf fun!

THANK YOU to all of the Harlands community for supporting the PTA and getting involved in the events and activities. These bring so much joy and excitement to the children and raise vital funds for our wonderful school!

The PTA Trustees wish everyone a wonderful break over the holidays!