

# Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2023

Autumn term issue 13



## Letter from the Head

Dear Parent and Carers,

I hope you are all well. I thought I'd share one of my many reflections with you... so if you get bored, please feel free to stop reading - as I have been told that I do tend to waffle on at times...

As a parent, teacher and headteacher, I find Christmas a whirlpool of emotions... highs, lows and lots of bumps and surprises. Lanner is no different from any school up and down the land, and as we head full on into things now, I am constantly checking in with myself to make sure we get the balance just right. Christmas fever seems to be taking over, as one would expect, and whilst I wouldn't say we are quite drowning in glitter just yet, were not far off! We are all really looking forward to next week's performances, plus one or two other surprises that we have planned for the children (top secret as usual please) over the remainder of the term. As I said, Christmas at a Primary School is always a huge balancing act... we have to juggle the importance of education vs performances and try and ensure that all stakeholders (namely yourselves) have a great time too. My main priority and focus though, always goes towards the children. What will they get out of things? What impact will this have on them? Will this be a positive / negative experience for them? These are a few of the questions I ask myself and my staff. I think we have the balance just right here... we monitor the behaviour, wellbeing and of course happiness of the children constantly. We do this every day - regardless of the time of year, but more so around Christmas time. The last few weeks of 2023 will be magical for the children here - please be rest assured of that.

So, there you have it... no idea why on earth I shared that with you - and I apologise for the 2 minutes of your life that you will never get back. Bottom line is, your children are going to have an amazing time - we are all so excited (and a bit tired come Friday)... but thank you to each and every one of you for your continued support and commitment. I thank the staff for their unconditional determination and drive to ensure your children have the best time of their lives here, and of course a huge big thank you to Father Christmas - he has been making regular phone calls to the reception class and he has also promised me that he will try his hardest to pop in at some point this year... (feel free to read that part to your child).

Have a great weekend all and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next week. Let's keep our fingers crossed for smooth performances, amazing happy children and of course blue/grey skies for our KS2 performance.

Kind regards

Kieran Walsh





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## Lannergrams

Well done to everyone who received a Lannergram this week:

**Y1:** Hollie, Charlie, Harrison

**Y2:** Emily, Edie, Thomas

**Y3:** Ben, Gracie, Jowan

**Y4:** Kaian, Ella-Rose, Frankie

**Y5:** Harleigh, Alexa, Morgan

**Y6:** Tyler, Joshua, Archie



### Attendance Cup

Group	% Attend
Year 1	95.8
Year 2	96.7
Year 3	93.3
Year 4	97.3
Year 5	94.1
Year 6	97.4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>95.7</b>



### Dates for your diary

Wednesday 13th December—Christmas dinner day – (non-school uniform and Christmas Jumpers can be worn).

Wednesday 13th December—5.30pm Reception Christmas production

Thursday 14th December—2.00pm Y1/2 production

Thursday 14th December—5.30pm Y3,4,5 & 6 production

Tuesday 19th January—Last day of term

Thursday 4th January—Return to School

w/c 24th June. Sports week – Sports Day—26.06.24

### Word of the week

Our word of the week is – **Meagre**

Definition —low in amount, strength, or value.

The animals diet was meagre during the winter months.

Please try and use this word as much as you can with your child.



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**French word  
of  
the week**




**'bonheur'**  
means  
'happiness'  
in French.

Please try and use this French word as much as you can with your child.

Time2Move Christmas Activities




**Lanner Village Hall**  
10am-2pm  
Age 5 - 13  
*Games, movement to music, sing & sign, fun and laughter*



December  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> & Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Weds 27<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 28<sup>th</sup>

Free places to all eligible FSM children - lunch included



**merry CHRISTMAS**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

~~THURSDAY 7TH DEC~~  
~~XMAS JUMPER DAY (WITH NON UNIFORM)~~

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WEDNESDAY 13TH -  
XMAS DINNER DAY (XMAS JUMPERS TO BE WORN WITH NON UNIFORM)  
&  
5.30PM FSU CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

THURSDAY 14TH -  
2.00PM KS1 NATIVITY  
&  
5.30PM KS2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE



ALL BOOKINGS FOR XMAS DINNER TO BE BOOKED ONLINE BY 6TH DEC

## Clubs

There will be no clubs from 11th December, clubs will recommence week beginning 8th Jan 2024.

Many thanks.

## Topic of the week



This week's discussion is:

**Which is heavier, a deflated or inflated balloon?**

Please try to discuss this week's question with your child.



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## New Books!

This week we've had some fantastic new reading books arrive for our school library. These were funded by the after-school book sales which Mrs Goodwin held earlier in the year, raising £145! There's still a few more books to arrive but we'd like to thank you for supporting the school in the book sales, and of course a huge thank you to Mrs Goodwin for organising and running the stall!



**Garfield Weston FOUNDATION**

**GWEALAN TOPS ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND**

## HOLIDAY PLAYScheme

WED 20 & THUR 21 DEC - 12PM-4PM  
FREE LUNCHTIME MEAL AT 12:30PM  
FRI 22 DEC - 12PM-1:30PM  
FOR 7-16 YEAR OLDS

**FRI 22 DEC 1:30PM-4PM**  
FESTIVE MEAL, MUSIC & FUN  
LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE & MUST BE PREBOOKED  
EMAIL [MANAGER@GWEALANTOPS.ORG](mailto:MANAGER@GWEALANTOPS.ORG)

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN WATER/DRINKS BOTTLE

CHILDREN MUST BE REGISTERED & NEW USERS MUST ATTEND AN INDUCTION VISIT WHICH CAN BE BOOKED AT [MANAGER@GWEALANTOPS.ORG](mailto:MANAGER@GWEALANTOPS.ORG)

[WWW.GWEALANTOPS.ORG](http://WWW.GWEALANTOPS.ORG)

**CORNWALL CRICKET CENTRE**

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS

Softball £15, 20th Dec, 10am to 3pm for school years 1 to 4.  
<https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/zpqdnw>

Hardball £20, 21st Dec, 10am to 3pm for school years 4 to 8.  
<https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/hpqdnx>

**SOFTBALL**      **HARDBALL**

[www.cornwallcricket.co.uk](http://www.cornwallcricket.co.uk)

**Random fun fact of the week!**



**The world record for the number of Christmas lights on a house is over 700,000!**

The record is held by a family in New York who had a whopping total of 703,000 lights on their house in December 2022.