

#### ALEHAM

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#### **Dear Parents**

Our end of Term is nigh at Laleham Lea.

This week Ms Higham led our special Spanish Assembly and we Skyped our new Spanish partner school to share Carols and Christmas wishes with Spanish students.

Canon Frank unfortunately had a fall earlier this week so has been unable to join us for our Christmas celebrations. We wish him a speedy recovery;

please do keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Year 5 visited the Purley Sunrise Care home on Tuesday to spread some Christmas cheer and sing some Carols, whilst Year 6 paid a special visit behalf of all the Staff and to the Purley Food Hub on Thursday to learn all about how the Charity is supporting those in need this Christmas. Thank you for your donations.

Our Year 3 and Year 4 classes had a great time at the Panto in Redhill yesterday. Many thanks to Mrs Devlin and Mrs Khan for organising the trip.

Your support, as always has been unstinting this term. May I take this opportunity on Governors to wish you all a Merry Christmas with peace and joy for 2019.

Ms Barry

**Head Teacher** 

#### Stars of the Week Reception—Sanai-Rae Y1 +All the class Y2—Olivia Y3—All the class Y4—Luca Year 5 Joshua Year 6—All the class Well done to all our Stars!

#### **Spiritual Reflection**

#### Isaiah:9 1-2, 6-7

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light. They lived in a land of shadows, but now light is shining on them. A child is born to us! A son is given to us and he will be our ruler. He will be called 'Wonderful Counsellor', 'Mighty God', 'Eternal Father', 'Prince of Peace'.

His royal power will continue to grow; his kingdom will always be at peace.

## Year 5 visited Purley Sunrise care home on Thursday to sing Carols for the residents.



In this week's assembly, the Year 6 children talked to the rest of the school about Christmas traditions in Spain. The children were surprised to find out that the presents are brought during Epiphany by the Three Wise Men and not on Christmas Day by Father Christmas. We then had some lovely Spanish singing from Year 4 and 5, "Mi Burrito Sabanero", "My Little Donkey", a traditional Christmas Carol in Spain. The French Club also sang "Vive le Vent d'Hiver", the French remix of "Jingle Bells".

Finally we managed to Skype our new Spanish partner school called "Parque Eugenia de Montijo". They are located in Madrid and it is a Bilingual Spanish/English school. It was a fantastic experience for the children to see Spanish pupils on the screen and they enjoyed listening to a couple of Christmas Carols in Spanish. See below for some of the Christmas cards they have sent to us. The Juniors also performed "All Around the world" and "Away in a Manger" with pride. We shall be communicating with them again at Easter and Year 5 will be writing letters introducing themselves to their Spanish pen-pals in the Summer term.

Over the Christmas holidays, I would be grateful if you could use the Spanish interactive games to practise some vocabulary and YouTube which has great songs in Spanish covering the basic vocabulary such as days,

months, colours, numbers etc.

Thank you for all your support!

Feliz Navidad y prospero año nuevo

Safia Higham

Spanish Teacher



#### **Swimming**

Year 3 and Year 6 will be swimming after Christmas. Please ensure your child remembers their swimming kit on the first Monday back to school.



On Thursday pupils from Year 6 visited the Purley Food Hub to find out more about the organisation and how they help people. As a school we also collected food donations which Year 6 took with them. Steve who runs the Food Hub

explained to pupils what happens when people are in need of food. He showed pupils where the food is stored and answered many questions that the pupils had.



Nursery have enjoyed making Christmas biscuits this week. The children discussed the ingredients used and extended mathematical language

when using the scales to measure the weight of the ingredients. The children then used their fine motor skills to spread butter icing over the biscuit to decorate it.



Year 3 and Year 4 really enjoyed their trip to the Theatre in Redhill to see Snow White yesterday (Oh yes they did!). Well done to all the children for their impeccable behaviour as always.

#### **Mathletics Certificates**

Gold—Aiza

Silver—Adam, Aiza, Annie

### School Calendar W/C Jan 7th 2018

Clubs start on Week Two of term with the exception of Ballet and Friday Art Club

Monday Jan 7th	Swimming	Yrs. 3 & 6	Kit Required
Tuesday Jan 8th			
Wednesday Jan 9th			
Thursday Jan 10th	Ballet	Nurs/Rec Yr. 1 Yrs.2-3	3.15-4pm 4-4.30pm 4.30-5.15pm
Friday Jan 11th	Art Club	Yrs.4-6	3.30-4.30pm

# Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas. We return to School on January 7th 2019

#### **Staff Emails**

To help aid ease of communication between parents and staff, please contact your child's Teacher directly using the email addresses below. Please be assured that Teachers will respond as soon as they can, but understandably, teaching your children comes first, so responses may not be immediate.

N—Nurseryteacher@lalehamlea.co.uk

Rec-receptionteacher@lalehamlea.co.uk

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Y3—preprepteacher@lalehamlea.co.uk

Y4—lowerteacher@lalehamlea.co.uk

Y5—middleteacher@lalehamlea.co.uk

Y6—upperteacher@lalehamlea.co.uk

spanishteacher@lalehamlea.co.uk

Mr Palmer (Music and I.T) — itteacher@lalehamlea.co.uk

**Admin and School Business Manager** 

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#### **Nut Free School**

We have children in school who have severe allergies to peanuts and all nuts. Please do not send your child to school with any nuts or peanuts for snack time or in their packed lunch, this also includes Nutella, peanut butter and any biscuits/ cereal bars or sauces (pesto) that may contain nuts or nut spreads.