



Rudgwick Primary School

News

Friday 20th December 2019

Autumn Week 15

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all so much for all the lovely Christmas cards and gifts we have received – we don't expect them but they are much appreciated.

Today's reading raffle winners were Imogen (Yr R/KS1) and Arthur (KS2), Eagles were the half term's house point winners and Antarctica (Yr 4) had the tidiest cloakroom – well done everyone!

We surprised the children with a theatre company production of Dick Whittington on Tuesday. They



were captivated by the story and the antics of Dick and his cat and joined in



enthusiastically and loudly! Many thanks to the PTA for funding this experience and The Rainbow

Theatre Company for entertaining us so brilliantly.

Wednesday was Christmas lunch day and we all wore our Christmas jumpers once again...and beautiful crowns! We had delicious food served by the teachers, music and party bags (thank you PTA), to add to the occasion. Great fun was had by one and all.



A Stone-Age museum 'popped-up' in the hall on Wednesday afternoon and Year 3 parents and friends came along to find out all about woolly mammoths and cave paintings and to see the work the children have been doing. It was lovely to see how proud the children were to show of what they have been learning.

Last night we enjoyed a wonderful carol concert in the Church and were entertained by the KS2 children with singing, readings and instrumental pieces. Thank you to everyone for braving the weather to come along and support the children and to Matt Gilmour for marshalling the parking once again, and Reverend Martin and the team at Holy Trinity Church for hosting the event. Thank you all, for being so generous with the retiring collection, which raised £144.13 for the Chestnut Tree House, who support one of our school families.

Have a very Happy Christmas everyone and we look forward to seeing you all again on **Monday 6th January 2020!**

Star Awards

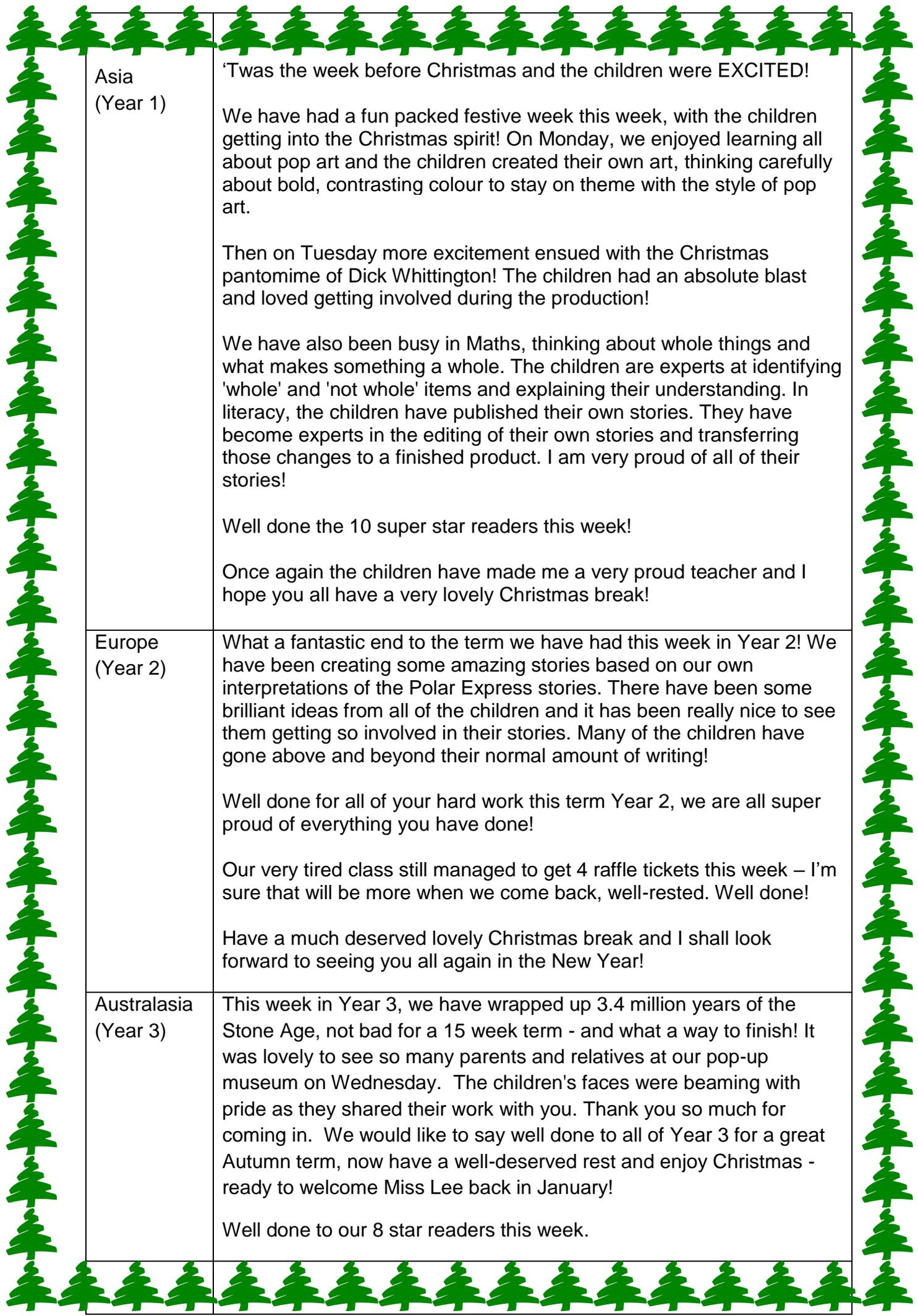


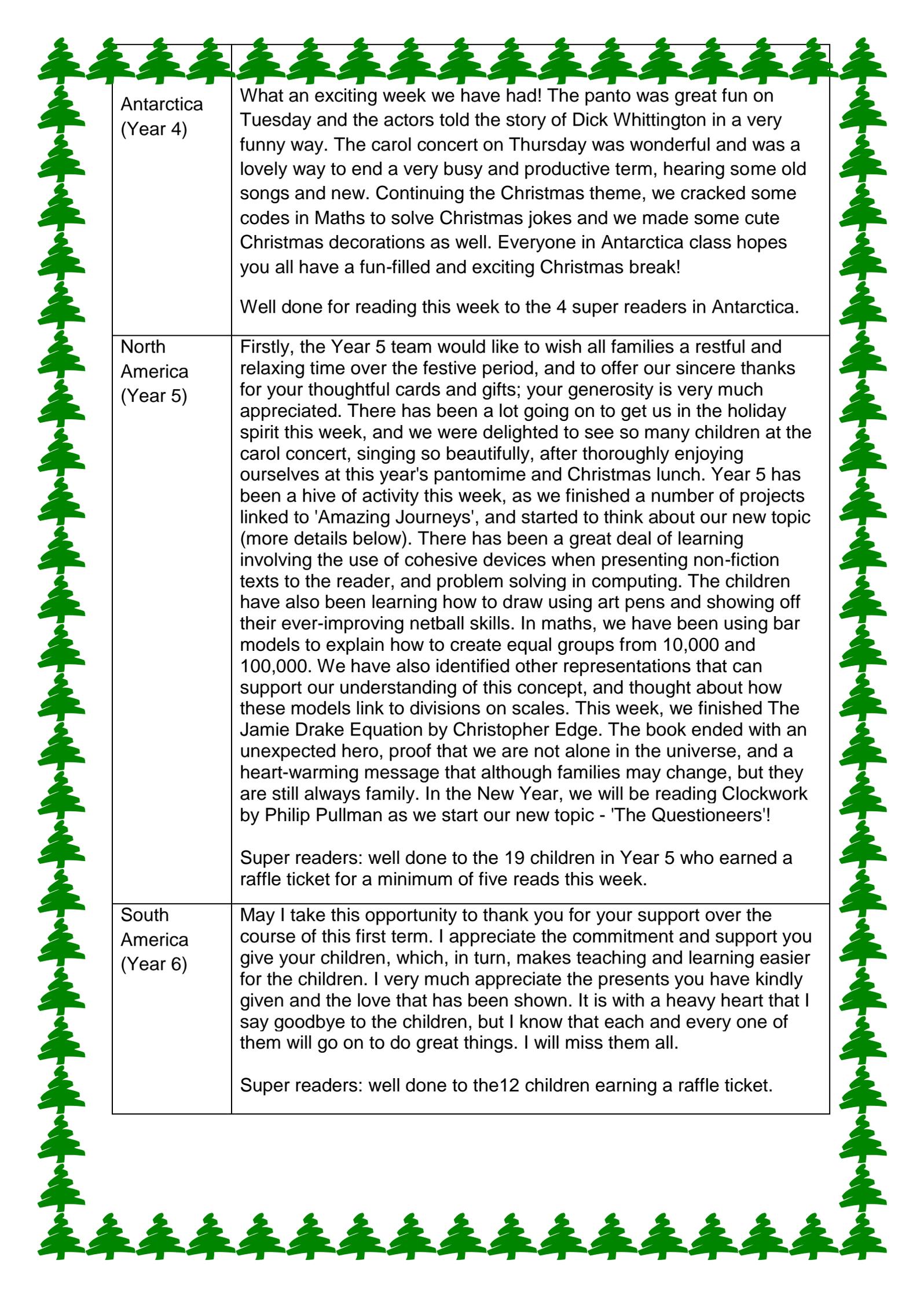
Africa (Year R)	Freddie W Norah B	For always challenging himself in his learning. For working hard and practising what she has learnt at home.
Asia (Year 1)	Imogen Leo	For writing a super published story in literacy! For always being a kind, responsible and helpful young man!
Europe (Year 2)	Martha Archie	For producing a fantastic story, writing much more than I have ever seen you produce before. For a much improved attitude towards your writing, well done!

Australasia (Year 3)	Emily O and Holly Tr	For always doing their very best, producing excellent work and taking pride in their presentation.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Sophie P Isaac S	For working extremely hard in <u>all</u> areas for all of this term. For being a very enthusiastic learner-super!
North America (Year 5)	Aaden Louisa	For your commitment to knowing your mathematical facts, and all your amazing success in Sumdog national and regional competitions this term. For the way in which you have become so much more self-confident and self-reliant this term. You should be very proud of the effort you are making.
South America (Year 6)	All of Year 6	For enjoying learning and not being afraid to reach out and touch the stars.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	<p>This week in Africa Class, we started the week with Christmas games in P.E.; pretending to be elves loading Santa's sleigh with presents!</p> <p>After a few weeks of being rained off, we finally managed to get into the woods for woodland learning - the children enjoyed building shelters and making mud pies!</p> <p>On Tuesday morning, we were treated to a pantomime of Dick Whittington and enjoyed booing the baddy!</p> <p>In phonics, we learnt two new red words: 'to' and 'we'. We also began to write our own sentences using the red words 'I went to the...'</p> <p>We were very proud to wear our decorated crowns to Christmas lunch on Wednesday and we really impressed the midday meals supervisors with our lovely manners.</p> <p>What a busy term we have had in Africa Class, thank you so much for all of your support, we hope that you have a lovely Christmas!</p> <p>We had 21 super readers this week – well done everyone!</p>
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Antarctica
(Year 4)

What an exciting week we have had! The panto was great fun on Tuesday and the actors told the story of Dick Whittington in a very funny way. The carol concert on Thursday was wonderful and was a lovely way to end a very busy and productive term, hearing some old songs and new. Continuing the Christmas theme, we cracked some codes in Maths to solve Christmas jokes and we made some cute Christmas decorations as well. Everyone in Antarctica class hopes you all have a fun-filled and exciting Christmas break!

Well done for reading this week to the 4 super readers in Antarctica.

North
America
(Year 5)

Firstly, the Year 5 team would like to wish all families a restful and relaxing time over the festive period, and to offer our sincere thanks for your thoughtful cards and gifts; your generosity is very much appreciated. There has been a lot going on to get us in the holiday spirit this week, and we were delighted to see so many children at the carol concert, singing so beautifully, after thoroughly enjoying ourselves at this year's pantomime and Christmas lunch. Year 5 has been a hive of activity this week, as we finished a number of projects linked to 'Amazing Journeys', and started to think about our new topic (more details below). There has been a great deal of learning involving the use of cohesive devices when presenting non-fiction texts to the reader, and problem solving in computing. The children have also been learning how to draw using art pens and showing off their ever-improving netball skills. In maths, we have been using bar models to explain how to create equal groups from 10,000 and 100,000. We have also identified other representations that can support our understanding of this concept, and thought about how these models link to divisions on scales. This week, we finished *The Jamie Drake Equation* by Christopher Edge. The book ended with an unexpected hero, proof that we are not alone in the universe, and a heart-warming message that although families may change, but they are still always family. In the New Year, we will be reading *Clockwork* by Philip Pullman as we start our new topic - 'The Questioners'!

Super readers: well done to the 19 children in Year 5 who earned a raffle ticket for a minimum of five reads this week.

South
America
(Year 6)

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the course of this first term. I appreciate the commitment and support you give your children, which, in turn, makes teaching and learning easier for the children. I very much appreciate the presents you have kindly given and the love that has been shown. It is with a heavy heart that I say goodbye to the children, but I know that each and every one of them will go on to do great things. I will miss them all.

Super readers: well done to the 12 children earning a raffle ticket.

Farewells



We said a very sad goodbye to Miss Clayton and Miss Shepley this week. Miss Clayton is leaving to start a family business and Miss Shepley is expecting her first baby in January. We thank them both for many years of hard work and commitment to the school and wish them well for the future. We will miss them both enormously.

Penny Post

Year 6 have done a splendid job, delivering all the festive post all around the school. They raised an amazing £31.43 for Chestnut Tree House. Well done Year 6 and thank you to all of you, for supporting it again, with your pennies.

Chartwells

Chartwells will no longer be open during school holidays. All parents are encouraged to order through their meal selector account at <https://westsussex.mealselector.co.uk>. Should you have any problems, they are open until 4pm on Friday 20th December and will re-open on Monday 6th January.



The return to school menu for the beginning of next term is attached.

PTA News

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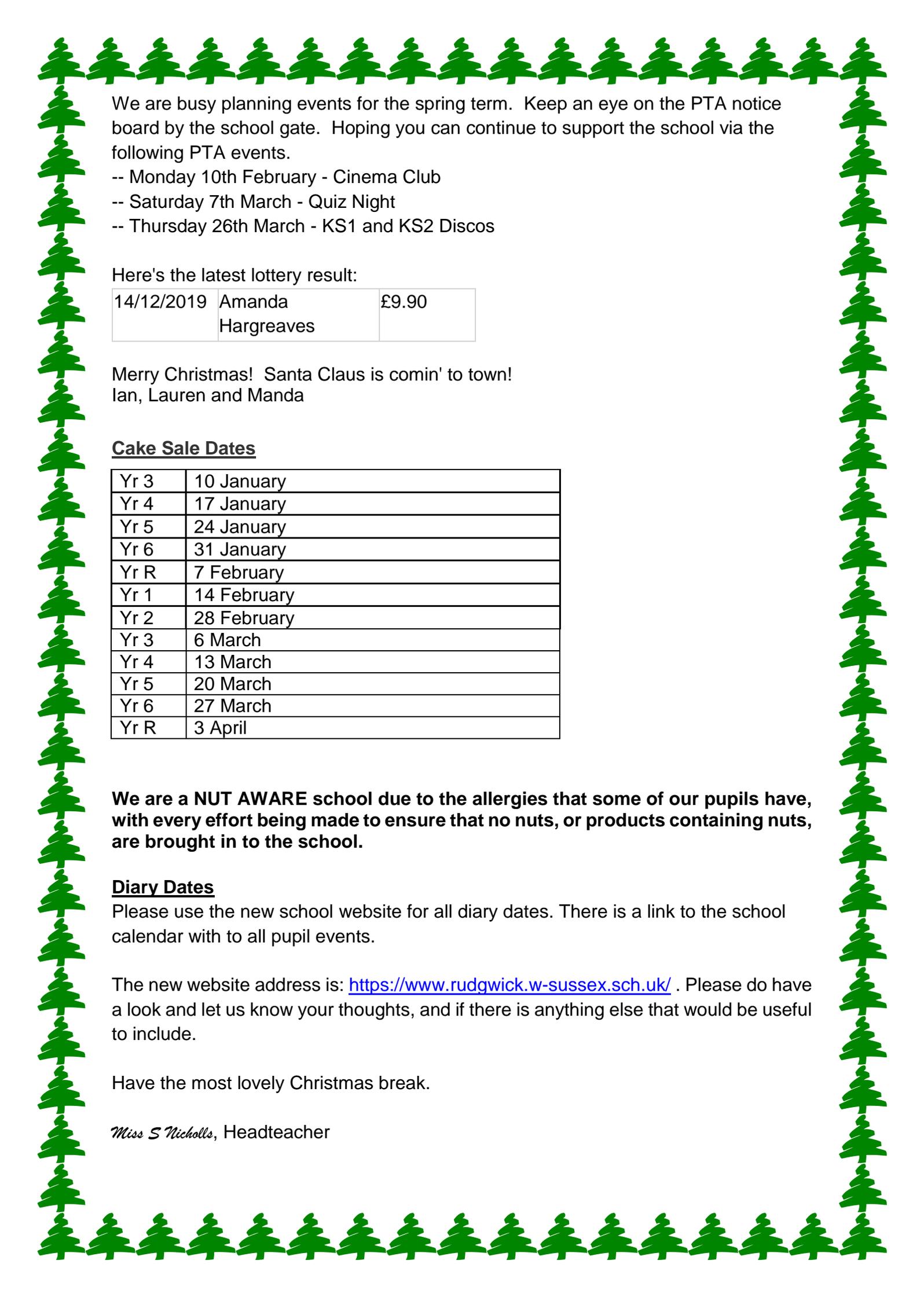
Jingle bells
Cake and biscuit sells
£££s were raised by Year 1
Good luck to Year 2 today
And well done everyone!

Ding dong merrily on high
At the school fair the kids were singing
Ding Dong my oh my
Look at the money folks are bringing!

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree!
We raised £3,026 and 33p!

We're really amazed at the amount of money raised at the Xmas Fair. Thanks again to everyone who attended and/or helped in any way. So, yes, we raised an amazing:

£3,026.33



We are busy planning events for the spring term. Keep an eye on the PTA notice board by the school gate. Hoping you can continue to support the school via the following PTA events.

- Monday 10th February - Cinema Club
- Saturday 7th March - Quiz Night
- Thursday 26th March - KS1 and KS2 Discos

Here's the latest lottery result:

14/12/2019	Amanda Hargreaves	£9.90
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Merry Christmas! Santa Claus is comin' to town!
Ian, Lauren and Manda

Cake Sale Dates

Yr 3	10 January
Yr 4	17 January
Yr 5	24 January
Yr 6	31 January
Yr R	7 February
Yr 1	14 February
Yr 2	28 February
Yr 3	6 March
Yr 4	13 March
Yr 5	20 March
Yr 6	27 March
Yr R	3 April

We are a NUT AWARE school due to the allergies that some of our pupils have, with every effort being made to ensure that no nuts, or products containing nuts, are brought in to the school.

Diary Dates

Please use the new school website for all diary dates. There is a link to the school calendar with to all pupil events.

The new website address is: <https://www.rudgwick.w-sussex.sch.uk/> . Please do have a look and let us know your thoughts, and if there is anything else that would be useful to include.

Have the most lovely Christmas break.

Miss S Nicholls, Headteacher

More photos of events are available on our website

Please note that attachments to the Newsletter about local clubs and events are not endorsed by the school. Parents are responsible for carrying out their own safety checks.



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