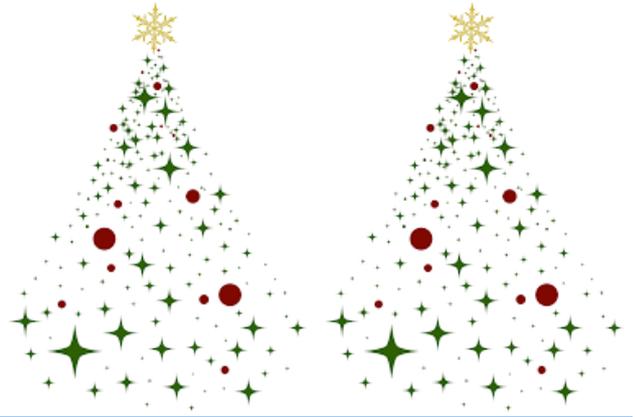




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Newsletter



Newsletter 13 - Friday 17 December 2021

From the Head:

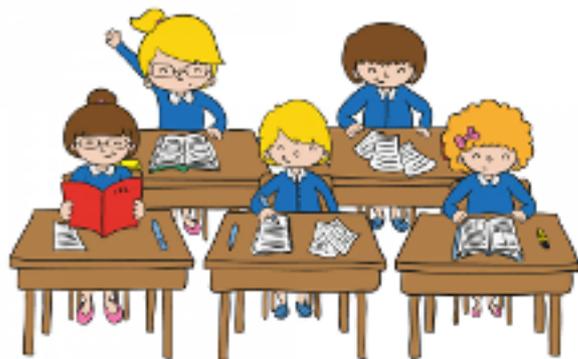


Where has the term gone? I can't believe that I have already completed one full term as Head of this wonderful school. This recent festive period has been a particular delight, with several different special activities that have created a strong sense of Lorenden Christmas spirit. In the past seven days alone, we have had our Christmas Fair (organised by our dedicated Friends of Lorenden); the fabulous Year 1/2 Nativity; our House Singing contest; Christmas Lunch; a visit from Father Christmas and his helper; Carols Around the Tree; Awards Assembly and the Prep Carol Service as Ospringe Church.

Christmas celebrations are always a special time in school, but this particular year has carried so much added significance. So many parents have told me how appreciative they have been of the fact that we have been able to host events of this nature. Never again will any of us take community events for granted, and Lorenden is lucky to have such wonderful pupils and supportive parents to join in these.



Class News



Nursery

Jingle All the Way...

Forest School is ALWAYS a lot of fun and we ended the term with a jingly, festive session as we added bells, hot chocolate and biscuits! The children all shook their bells as they walked (as did the adults!) and we sang together, making sure all the neighbours could hear us! We found the perfect spot for hot choc and biscuits and sat on logs, chatting as we enjoyed our treats. We even had a special guest today as Mrs Bourne came along to squelch through the mud and join the fun! We love Forest School and would like to say a huge 'thank you' and 'Merry Christmas' to Mr Harvey and Mrs Thompson for taking us out every week to teach us all about nature and our environment.



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Year 1 and Year 2 - Christmas production

Barny



Congratulations to Year 1 and Year 2 for their wonderful performance of Barny. The children had all worked so hard to learn their lines and they all did an amazing job. You could tell how much they enjoyed performing for their parents and Grandparents and we loved having so many visitors in school. What a fabulous treat!

Thank you to everyone who helped make Barny such a success!



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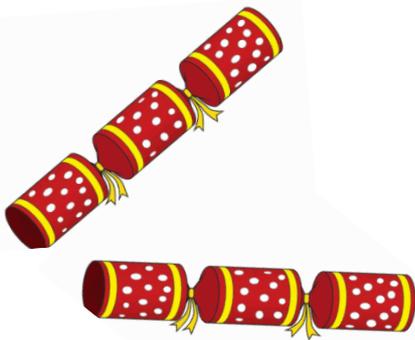
Christmas Lunch



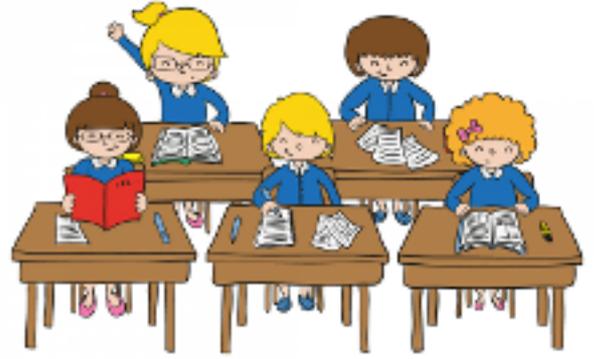
A **huge** thank you to our wonderful lunch ladies for our delicious Christmas Lunch! Oh what fun we had



Class News



Able and Interested



Libby and Cleo from Year 5 proudly holding their finished wreath made in Mrs Charter's able and interested session!



The Prep children have been making their final 'home for nature.' Here is the bee house that they made as a team.

French Baking



French baking with a Christmas flavour

What a lot of fun we had in French baking today! We made a very yummy Bûche de Noël. We first learnt to make 'uneganache au chocolat noir' followed by 'Crème Chantilly' and assembled the lot to create our Christmas yule log. We enjoyed decorating it with Christmas characters!

Joyeux Noël à tous!

Madame Holland

French Exchange



French exchange

The children had an exciting morning opening their parcels from France and finding out about their pen pals, their families and their Christmas traditions. They spent some time trying to work out the messages in French first and then used dictionaries and google translate. They all received some chocolate too! what an exciting morning! More parcels are due to arrive in the new year!

Madame Holland

French Play

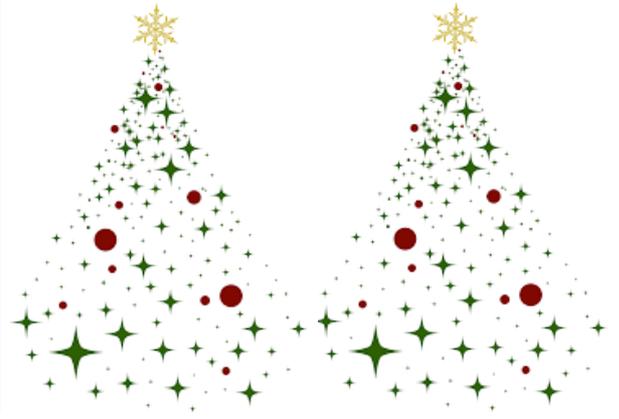
French play, Cendrillon

I am sharing with you some pictures of our actors who performed their French play on Tuesday. It was lovely to see them perform to their parents and the rest of the school. They were confident and funny, what a joy to watch! Congratulations to all of you!





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A fond Farewell to Miss D



Today is the day that we sadly say goodbye to Miss Dungay. We are so sorry to be losing Miss D from our staff team, but are also very grateful for the fact that our children have benefited so much from her input over the past two years. I am sure that you will join me in wishing Miss D every success in the future - she will be much missed by everyone at Lorenden.

Swallows vs Amazons - Singing Competition

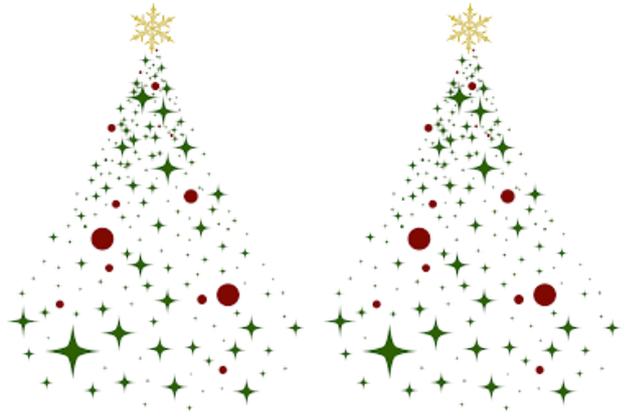
Mr Saul and Mr Thorpe had a difficult job judging the inter-house singing competition. All the children had put a lot of work into their compositions.

The winners were, by a margin, Swallows!





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We had a very, very special visitor to school this week. We know how busy Father Christmas is at this time of the year, so we were delighted when he was able to visit Lorenden with his Little Elf helper. All the children had a present and they were all delighted that Santa had popped in during his lunch hour!



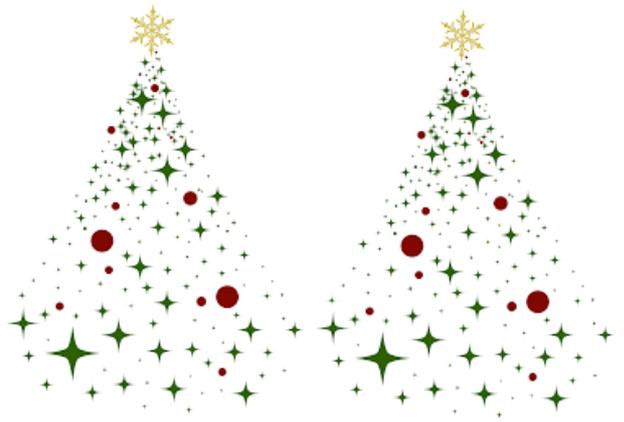
Year 1's Elf on the Shelf has got up to a lot of mischief during the past few weeks. Here he is - stuck on the ceiling!

Staff vs Year 6 Quiz

The Year 6 children put up a great challenge in the Staff vs Pupil quiz held on Tuesday afternoon. A very close fought competition, the staff won by 20 points to 17. Experience paid off in the end!!



Friends of Lorenden



TREASURER'S UPDATE

ON BEHALF OF THE F.O.L. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS AND CARERS FOR VISITING OUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE AND MAKING IT SUCH A GREAT SUCCESS

THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARENTS AND TEACHERS WHO RAN STALLS AND TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED GIFTS, SWEETS, WRAPPING PAPER AND WHO PURCHASED RAFFLE TICKETS

WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO WHAT WE DO WITHOUT YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS AND FANTASTIC SUPPORT

MONEY IS STILL TRICKLING IN BUT, TO DATE, I AM DELIGHTED TO ADVISE THAT THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE, HAMPER RAFFLE, CHRISTMAS CARDS, CRAFTS AND VISIT TO SANTA HAVE, COMBINED, RAISED A WHOPPING

£1,700

PLUS A FURTHER £350 FROM THE SALES OF TEA-TOWELS AND BAGS THERE ARE JUST A FEW OF EACH LEFT NOW, GET IN QUICK!

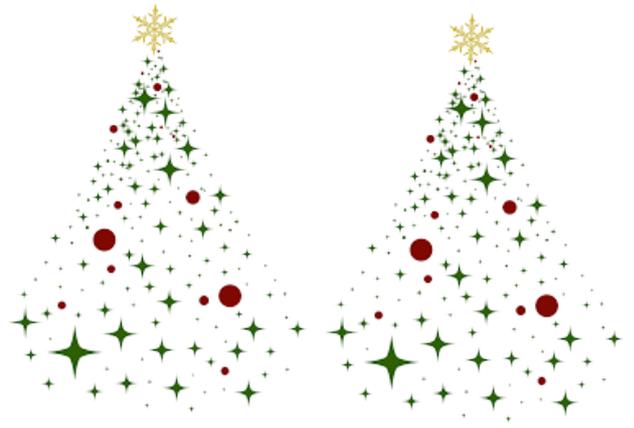
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RAFFLE WINNERS:

TOP PRIZE OF THE BEST DECORATED HAMPER AND WOODEN SLEIGH WAS WON BY HANNAH, GEORGE (Y6) & HENRY (R)

ENJOY AND WE HOPE IT SNOWS FOR YOU SOON!



SUZANNE & ADAM (Y2)
TONY, ANDY (Y2) & ABBY (R)
ALEX, RORY (Y1), AUBREY (N)
JODIE & THOMAS (Y1)
JAMIE & JENSON (R)
ALEX & EDVIN (R)
JACKIE & ANNABEL (Y6)
MRS SWALLOW



Forthcoming Events

Start of term
Thursday 6 January 2022

Mrs Stewart

I am delighted to confirm that we have appointed a new teacher, ready to start in January. Mrs Tabitha Stewart will be joining us from Herne Bay Junior School and will be sharing the responsibility of teaching the Year 2 class with Mrs Wells. Mrs Stewart's first days of teaching Year 2 will be Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th January, although she will be visiting school before this date to meet the staff and children. I am sure that you will join me in welcoming Mrs Stewart into the Lorenden family.

Conclusion

After so much excitement and such a busy term, everyone deserves a good rest over the Christmas break. I would like to thank you all for your support throughout the past four months. I wish you all a very happy Christmas!

Richard McIntosh

Head

Lorenden Prep School

