



18th December 2020

Our Value of the Month:

Appreciation

recognition and enjoyment of the good qualities of someone or something



End of Term Message

As we reach the end of another unusual term, I would just like to take this opportunity to express my pride and admiration in how brilliantly everyone in our school community has worked together in the face of the immense changes to how we would normally live and work. It has been an absolute pleasure to be leading such a wonderful school community and I would like to say a big 'thank you' to you all for your support. The staff have very much appreciated your kind words, comments and positivity throughout these unsettled times – they really do make a big difference. I would also like to say 'thank you' to all of the staff whose drive and dedication to provide an outstanding education for all of our children has not waived, despite the pressures of a global pandemic.

I look forward to seeing you all back in the New Year for another exciting term of new learning and opportunities, but for now I hope that you all have a happy and healthy Christmas, and are able to enjoy a well-earned rest as some point over the festive season.

Graeme Page, Executive Head of Schools

Our Learning this Week

Nursery

This week has flown by with yet more festive fun. The children have enjoyed practicing their name writing and mark making with lots more card writing and decorations being made. We have tried to focus again this year on an acts of kindness advent calendar and have enjoyed opening our calendar each day to see what we can do to make others smile. The children have been amazing at showing others kindness and have shown themselves to be very helpful too. Well done to them all! Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you next year.



Reception

We have had a great final week in reception. We have enjoyed creating Christmas cards and decorations to take home and share with our families. We have read and explored the nativity story. We explored this further in the small world area acting it out with the mini characters. We had a brilliant Nativity Day and really enjoyed creating the different scenes and acting out the parts of the story. All the children look fantastic – thank you for your support with the costumes. We had a fantastic Christmas dinner with crackers and Christmas music. Have a lovely Christmas and break with your families. I look forward to seeing you all back in 2021.

Star Reader



Dawid

**Congratulations to...
Star of the Week**



Logan

Star Writer



Eli

Year 1

Year 1 have really enjoyed their final week at school. We have finished our Dasher writing and written a short narrative on how we thought the story ended. In maths we have continued to look at addition and subtraction and created our own equations. We have created Christmas cards to our loved ones. We all really enjoyed the nativity day and our Christmas film morning. I look forward to seeing you all in 2021!

Star Reader



Victoria

**Congratulations to...
Star of the Week**



Jumaimah

Star Writer



Ansh

Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic final week of term. In English, we have finished our Dasher writing and the children produced some excellent pieces of work. We have worked to create Christmas decorations using pipe cleaners, and designed Christmas cards to send home too. The children had an excellent Nativity day in school and are very much looking forward to sharing their experience with you. I wish you and your families a relaxing break and a happy and healthy new year. I look forward to seeing Year 2 back in 2021 ready for a busy Spring term!

Star Reader



Luan

**Congratulations to...
Star of the Week**



Phoebe

Star Writer



Nelly

Year 3

What a fantastic final week of term we have had in Year 3. In English we have been busy writing setting descriptions based upon an illustration from the story book Dasher by Matt Tavares. In Maths, we have finished our learning journey on place value, where we have been looking at 10 and 100 more or less than any given number. In Art, we have finished our Stone Age cave paintings and have been busy doing lots of Christmas crafts. We had an amazing last PE lesson where we were problem orienteering this provided us with a great opportunity to help us practice our map reading skills. I hope that all families have a happy and healthy Christmas and new year, see you all in the Spring Term!

Star Reader



Livvi

**Congratulations to...
Star of the Week**



Alec

Star Writer



Charlotte

Year 4

Year 4 have had a fabulous last week in school. We have finalised the endings to our Dasher stories and enjoyed plenty of Christmas associated activities. We particularly enjoyed Christmas lunch and pulling the crackers. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I look forward to seeing everyone again in 2021.

Star Reader



Cain

Congratulations to...

Star of the Week



Mia

Star Writer



Asher

Year 5

What a great term Year 5 have had. They have worked so hard in all their learning and have achieved lots. This week has been an exciting few days giving us all a chance to get excited about Christmas after what has been a trialling year for us all. It's amazing what we can achieve when we all come together. Miss Simpson and I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be safe, rest and enjoy. See you next year!

Star Reader



Isabelle

Congratulations to...

Star of the Week



Ava

Star Writer



Emre

Year 6

Year 6 have had a great Christmas week in school. We finished our setting descriptions based on Dasher and have presented them with a border and picture. We also finished off our Maths learning for the term on long division and multiplying and dividing fractions. On Wednesday, we had our Christmas Sway day in school and enjoyed our Christmas dinner with crackers in the classroom. Well done Year 6 for all your hard work this term. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Star Reader



Matthew

Congratulations to...

Star of the Week



Chris

Star Writer



Joshua

Term 2 Hardwick Gallery

Our whole school learning gallery is now live! Check our ClassDojo for the link.

Pupil Leadership Team (PLT)

Congratulations to all our newly elected members to the school's PLT:

- ★ EYFS: Gracie & Rhys
- ★ Year 1: Dorota & Archie
- ★ Year 2: Ellen-Marie & Owen
- ★ Year 3: Noah & Georgia
- ★ Year 4: Layton & Charley
- ★ Year 5: Isabella & Emre



★ Year 6: Ellie & Hayden

Look out for news from them in future newsletters as they begin their input into developing our school even further.



A **huge** thank you to everyone for your generous donations. We raised £281.00 for Save the Children

Keeping Safe Online over the Holidays

Children love going online for lots of reasons – chatting with friends, learning new things, having fun. Whatever your child enjoys doing online, you can help them stay safer by focusing on 3 key areas:

- Viewing
- Sharing
- Chatting and friending

Remember, the most important thing you can do is to have open and ongoing conversations with your child about what they see online. Make sure they know what to do and encourage them to talk to an adult if they see anything online that upsets them. For more top tips and information please visit the 'ThinkUKnow' website:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-being-social-online/>



What to do if your child is unwell:

We have a system in place to notify parents of positive cases (where their child has been identified as being a close contact) for up to 6 days after the end of term.

If between Friday 18th December and Wednesday 23rd December, your child tests positive for COVID having developed symptoms within 48 hours of last being in school please contact the school via:

hwpcovid@hardwickschool.org

Messages will be checked between 10.00am and 12.00pm each day.

Please confirm:

- Your child's name and class teacher
- The date of their first symptoms
- Their last date in school
- The date of the positive test (including a screenshot of the email or text notification)

We will then send a Dojo message all parents of that child's class, notifying them of a positive case within their bubble and advising them to isolate for 10 days.

This means that between Friday 18th December and Wednesday 23rd December you may be contacted by school and your child may be told to isolate for 10 days due to being an identified close contact of a positive COVID case. Please see the [NHS Guidance](#) for what to do if you are advised to isolate after being in contact with a positive case

Contacting us: The office will be closed from Friday 18th December – 4th January.

If you need to contact us when we are closed, please use one of the following email addresses:

General Enquiries: info@hardwickschool.org

To report a positive COVID test: hwpcovid@hardwickschool.org

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 4th January – School reopens for Spring Term 1

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'G. Page', written in a cursive style.

Graeme Page and the school team