



MINI-NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 4th DECEMBER

As our next scheduled newsletter is 17th December and we are all so busy - we thought a few reminders might be helpful. Thank you all for your support and understanding - we are all finding keeping school going a challenge with staff absence, many staff feeling poorly and having to go for PCRs etc. But one thing we all do at Caldecote is pull together and we will make sure your children have a fun-filled and happy last couple of weeks.

**PTA OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS FAIR
TOMORROW - 2.00 pm
Looking forward to seeing you all!**

LITTLE WANDLE - NEW PHONICS SCHEME

In January we will be introducing a new phonics scheme to teach reading. Many aspects are very similar to what we currently do but there will be some changes.

Teachers will be sharing the new system in a Zoom meeting on **Thursday 9th December @ 2.15pm (Zoom link below)**

Although this is mainly for Reception and Year 1, it will also be of interest to parents in Years 2 and 3 because some aspects will continue through those years until a child is 100% secure with their phonics.

Please try and join us. Meeting details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83282159564?pwd=Q1ZpcHliUFpDRU1aNjlDVDErQ2Zidz09>

Meeting ID: 832 8215 9564

Passcode: 6V5GB8

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 9th December	Panto trip to see "Aladdin" Little Wandle Phonics presentation @ 2.15 pm
Friday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 16th December	"Santa Dash", Christmas Hats & Playground singing
Thursday 16th December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 17th December	End of Term
Wednesday 5th January 2022	Term Begins

Mr Gardiner, new teacher in Year 5, will be joining on Monday 6th December. He was in school this week so said 'Hello' to the class and we are all looking forward to welcoming him.

X-COUNTRY EVENT @ WIMPOLE HALL

26 hardy children joined over a 1000 others at the annual Primary Schools cross country race. The course is a mile over grassland and the races are split into ages and boys/girls. The weather was very cold with a biting wind but that didn't dampen enthusiasm and all our children finished with a smile on their face. There were some very competitive schools (we have to take part in the 'large' schools race even though we are relatively small) and this adds another challenge as many other schools have enough pupils to be able to put in multiple teams.

Congratulations to: Y3: Gustaw, Daniel, Molly, Emilia, Ellen; Y4: Fyfe, Ziggy, Mya, Amy, Aimee; Y5: Iwan, Toby, Yanyi, Harvey, Anoushka, Nina, Ilina; Y6: Harry, Rufus, Ben, Jake, Gracie, Meenakshi, Barbora, Lucy, Sophie.

Special Mentions goes to children who came within the top 20 in their race:

Amy Duncombe (16th) & Gracie Barnes (19th)
and especially the **Y3 girls team** who were amazing:
Molly Davis (5th), Ellen Teversham (9th) & Emilia Mikula (11th).

Thanks to Mr Segrave who came to support.

All the children were a joy to be with and excellent ambassadors for our school - they were polite, supportive and very kind to everyone. Mrs Miles and I were very proud to be their teachers.

