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Friday 17th December

Dear All,

Whilst Christmas comes at the end of a long and exhausting term, it is also one of the most exciting times in school and I have been very sad to miss out on the various events over the last two weeks. I know from the reports I have heard and the photos I have seen that everything has gone incredibly well and, whilst we have had to adapt our plans once again, Christmas has been celebrated in style once more. I must say a huge thank you to all the staff across the federation, especially Mrs Sacre, for keeping everything running smoothly and for their adaptability and willingness to lend a helping hand when they are also feeling tired and ready for a holiday. We are lucky to have such a strong staff team and I am very grateful for their support this term.

Thanks also go to all of the parents who have joined in our Christmas celebrations and who attended the Skylarks performances. We were very disappointed that we weren't able to hold our school exhibition but this will take place in the new term along with an exciting opportunity to exhibit at The Forum in Norwich. We are looking forward to sharing our learning with you then.

All that remains now is for me to wish you a happy and healthy Christmas and a relaxing break. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all again soon as we start our new term together.

Happy Christmas!

Mrs L Watts, Executive Headteacher

This week in class…

Little Brown Hare: The children have been listening to the 'Christmas Story' this week and playing with a small world Nativity which has helped them to recall the sequence of the story and the characters. They also had great fun making some hobby reindeer which they toured the site on and had a mini reindeer race. The children also took great delight in helping to decorate Santa's grotto, Santa was delighted as he has been extremely busy this week. I would like to wish all our families a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year from Sas, Julie, Jenni and Rachel.
I would also like to thank all the people that have helped at LBH this term, you are amazing and we are very grateful.

Blackbirds: We have been looking back over all of our work for this term in Blackbirds and have been writing artist statements about ourselves to go with our art work. We have also been working hard on subtraction this week in maths. On Thursday afternoon last week, we had our Christmas party with Little Brown Hare. It was so much fun to see all our LBH friends and we had fun playing Christmas games and singing round the bonfire.

Wagtails: We have had a busy week in Wagtails this week. We have been working on Samba drumming this term with Mr. Hall and the children were able to put on a performance for the rest of the school. It was great to see the children keeping the different rhythms going and having the confidence to show their newly learnt skills to the school. We have also been looking at lots of different Christmas adverts and seeing what messages are being given. We have used this knowledge to write our own Christmas adverts conveying the key values of Christmas.

Skylarks: More Christmas fun with a virtual panto and the appearance of our class nativity scene this week. To add to the excitement this week, Skylarks also welcomed a special visitor, Saffron's Mum, to inspire and enlighten the children about the professional world of photography; thank you Miriam. Skylarks really shone for their final performance on Tuesday. They all really learned a great deal about being a playwright, an actor, a set designer, a program publisher and a director to name but a few - in fact all things theatrical! Mrs Barker and Mr Portas are very proud of their achievements in this topic and wish all our families a peaceful and special Christmas.

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Dates for your diary

Elm house fundraiser – Monday 6th December – wear blue or dress up as a sea creature!
Year 6 Forest School – Wednesdays 19th January and 2nd February
Year 5 Forest School – Wednesdays 12th, 26th January and 9th February
Year 4 Forest School – Thursdays 13th and 27th January and 10th February
Year 2/3 Forest School – Thursdays 20th January and 3rd February
Blackbirds Forest School – every Tuesday afternoon
Skylarks Swimming - Fridays January 21st and February 4th
Reception height and weight checks – Thursday January 20th
End of term – Friday 11th February

Elm Charity Fundraiser A huge thank you to everyone for the Elm house fundraiser, we raised an amazing £85 and we are excited to be adopting Rainbow the dolphin through the Whale and Dolphin Conservation Charity. They take care of dolphins who live off the coast of Scotland. Congratulations to Moses from Little Brown Hare who won guess the name of the dolphin with Bluebell!

OPAL playgrounds project As part of our ongoing work to develop our playtimes, we are looking for donations of small world toys specifically: model dinosaurs, cars and vehicles, animals, Duplo figures, or anything we might use for a fairy garden. If you are having Christmas clear out, we would be very grateful for any donations!

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