



Newsletter

It's Christmas!

Christmas has definitely begun in earnest here at Iver Heath Junior School.

I am so proud of the things that we are able to offer our children to help make their school experience a memorable one. It just makes us all smile when we see the children wearing their Christmas hats; when they are learning, they look like little elves beavering away and when they are playing, they just look so happy.

I would like to say a massive Thank You to the wonderful staff here at IHJS for organising such a brilliant Christmas House Quiz competition. There was a wide range of subjects to test the children's knowledge, from Christmas traditions to Disney characters; brand logos to pop culture—it was wonderful! The children sat and enjoyed their morning whilst we—the teachers—ran around the school from room to room delivering our quizzes; some rooms feel so very far away from each other when you're dashing—thank you staff!

Many congratulations to this year's winners: PINE HOUSE.

On the same afternoon, the children enjoyed a wonderful pantomime.—Oh yes they did! They really joined in with the whole atmosphere of the panto; they sang; they shouted; they laughed and they had great fun.

Thank you to our wonderful PTA for paying half of the cost of this great Christmas experience.

It really was a Wonderful Wednesday!

Thursday was another incredible day full of Christmas fun. It was national Christmas jumper day, so everyone looked festive in their Christmas finery. We were also treated to a free balloon entertainer, who came and amazed us with his balloon magic. Our thanks go out to local balloon magician Dali Ballooni.

Mrs. Monger and her team gave us all an amazing Christmas lunchtime; they worked so hard and are so appreciated. They were brilliantly supported by some hard-working Christmas Elves from year 6, who are also greatly appreciated.

We rounded off the day by having the pleasure of joining the incredible IHJS choir at the annual Christmas Carol concert in the ballroom at Pinewood Studios. As usual, it was a wonderful festive affair and our choir did us all proud. There are some children who I must mention separately; Henri-Bella Houlston and Finlay Hooson-Jones, who gave such confident and respectful readings. I have just told the children in assembly that Christmas bible readings are not the easiest to read, with some of the most difficult places and people names to pronounce. However, both had clearly practiced as they were not phased by these names at all; very well-done to both children. Also Sophia Weston and Thomas Sisk have my admiration for having the confidence, and the talent, to sing a verse as a duet—you are super-stars!

And the fun has not stopped today, we have had year 6 making burgers and year 4 sewing seasonal stockings; as usual many thanks go out to all the parents helpers who make these days and activities possible. Year 5, have been making kites and also having a visit from the Fire Brigade to learn all about fire safety.

What a Week!

There are some photographs on the next page but look out for more on our new school website

Monday 15th December: Rocksteady concert—parents of participants only

Wednesday 17th December: Elfridges Christmas Shop—PTA event. Lunchtime for children only

Thursday 18th December: Christmas performance to parents of children in years 3 & 4

Friday 19th December: Christmas performance to parents of children in years 5 & 6



Dates for your Diary



A reminder to all parents about our Christmas performances.

We will be giving two whole-school Christmas performances this year. However, we do not have the space to be able to facilitate all parents at the same time. We are therefore, putting on two performances; one to parents of children in years 3 & 4, which will include readers from years 3 & 4.

The second to parents of children in years 5 & 6, which will include readers from years 5 & 6.

If you have children in both 3/4 and 5/6, please could you come to the first performance for years 3/4 as we will have more seats available for a better view.

Parents of children in yrs 3&4: Thurs 18th December 10am

Parents of children in yrs 5&6: Fri 19th December 10am





We are **ACHIEVERS!**

We are a **COMMUNITY!**

We are **PROUD!**

We are **INCLUSIVE!**

Celebration Page

3I—Rocco—Well done for being so resilient during such a busy week. We are so proud of you!

3H—Ethan—you have been so resilient and such a superstar learner! I am loving seeing your personality come out each day as you become more confident. Keep up your hard work!

4I—Maev—for being a good friend and treating everyone with respect and kindness. She always tries her best in every lesson and her art work always impresses me.

4H—Mischa—You could have star of the week every week! Thank you for always trying so hard in everything you do. You are also becoming more confident in speaking out in class, Well done!

5I—Darcey— For being kind to her friends and very mature in making decisions. I am so happy you are in my class!

5H—Ava M—you are such a kind person with a positive mindset. You are a real-life example of the IHJS values!

6I—Jenna—for showing a positive attitude in your learning. You are growing so much in confidence with your maths and I am pleased with how hard you are working!

6H—Lara—for trying so hard in maths and becoming more confident with her reasoning skills.

Coach Noyce & Coach Kightley

Levi 3H, Leo 6I

For your fantastic contributions and work ethic this week, well done!

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Y3

Y4

Y5

Y6

Weekly House Points

Beech

2656

Cherry

2432

Oak

2656

Pine

2346