

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderfully festive week at Longlands and the newsletter is one full of mentions of generosity and thanks.

We were overwhelmed by the support from our school community for our Laplands at Longlands Christmas fair. The queue to come in seemed to go on forever and it was wonderful to see so many smiles as people made their way around the stalls. There are many 'thank yous' needed for an event like this. Thank you to everyone who gave donations for our stalls and to those who attended the fair. Thank you to all of the companies that gave generous donations and/or supported the evening with their stalls. Thank you to all of the staff who gave their time freely to set up, run and then pack away after and thank you to our PTA for their organisation of the event and for supporting our school in fundraising, which is so important to us being able to offer additional enrichment and resources that we may not otherwise be able to provide. A very special thank you goes to two people who have been instrumental in making the event happen, who are Mrs Bevan and Miss Holding. Mrs Bevan masterminds many of the school events and gives a huge amount of time to this and this is greatly appreciated. Miss Holding has been the chair of the PTA for 14 years and, during that time, has helped the school to raise tens of thousands of pounds and has put on countless amazing events. She has decided to step down from her role as chair (but has promised that she will still be helping out with events!). Thank you for all of the time and energy that you have given to the PTA, Emma. Longlands pupils, staff and parents are incredibly grateful.

And now, the drum roll for the fantastic amount raised, £1864.52!! This is absolutely amazing and will help us to do so much. The first purchase is going to be skipping ropes for a new fitness project that we are starting. Look out for more information about this in the new year.

Fir class have performed their nativity which was a delight to watch and it was wonderful to see so many family and friends attend this. Again, these events cannot happen without the staff and volunteers who help us, so thank you to everyone in Fir class for making this special event happen.

We have also enjoyed being able to visit St Mary's for the Christmas concert, along with the other schools in Market Drayton. It is such a privilege to be able to attend these events again after the last few years. All of the children performed brilliantly and well done to Emily Faul who performed a solo and reading (even though she had a very sore throat). I would also like to thank Mrs Collins for all of her hard work rehearsing with the children and to Grove School for organising such a lovely event that brings the whole community together.

Finally, all of the Longlands pupils would like to say a big thank you to ARR Richards who donated a Christmas pack to every child in school. This is incredibly generous and I know that the children will enjoy the Christmas activities very much.

Lisa Millington
Headteacher



This week at Longlands

Pantomime visit



Lapland at Longlands



Nativity



Christmas Concert at St Mary's



CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:

Charnai	Bech
Samuel	Elm
Sienna	Elm
Lucas	Elm
Alfie	Acorns
Jaelyn	Bech
Olivia	Rowan
Nikolov	Elm
Wyatt	Fir

AWARD WINNERS

Star of the Week

Acorns	Leo D
Saplings	Colby
Fir	Esmee
Willow	Rayah
Maple	Logan
Rowan	Esther
Elm	Nancy
Beech	Olly
Oak	Nate
PE	Johnathan

UPCOMING EVENTS

December	
13th	Y1 and 2 Panto – Theatre Severn
13 th &15 th	Nursery Parties– see information from Mrs Williams for details
14th	Y1-6 Christmas Concert at St. Mary's 1:30pm
15th	Christmas Dinner
15th	Film night - 3:15 – 5:00
16th	Christmas Jumper Day
16th	End of term
January	
2nd	Bank Holiday – School Closed
3 rd	Start of Spring Term – children back to school

NEWS

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