



## End of Term Newsletter December 2019

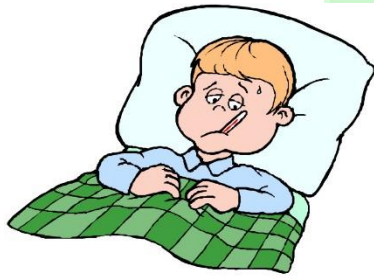


### Gift of Love

Steve Pamphilon, our Chair of Governors, has once again spent the last few weeks touring Croatia and Serbia where he distributed the 'Gift of Love' (Love in a Box) donations from parents/carers. This year, with your help, we managed to put together an impressive 61 boxes which Steve took with him and handed out to the children en route. Whilst there, Steve took part in various concerts – at one point performing to over one thousand people, who sang 'Silent Night' back to him in Croatian. Videos and pictures can be seen on the Living Life Eastbourne Facebook page.

Thank you once again for your generosity.

### Illness



Many of our pupils and students are vulnerable to infections which can spread quickly at this time of year. Remember, your child should be kept away from school for 48 hours from the last period of sickness or diarrhoea.

Details from Public Health England about infectious diseases and exclusion periods can be found on the school website or

through the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/chapter-9-managing-specific-infectious-diseases>

**THANK YOU  
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GOODBYE**

Over the past few weeks we have said 'Goodbye' to some of our staff. Gemma De-La-Hoyde, Sharon Bigwood, Julie Hanley and Sophie Chapman have all recently left the school.

We will also be saying goodbye to Chantal Richards, one of our Infant Department TAs, at the end of the term. We wish her luck in her new role.

After the break we have a number of new staff starting – details will be passed on in due course.

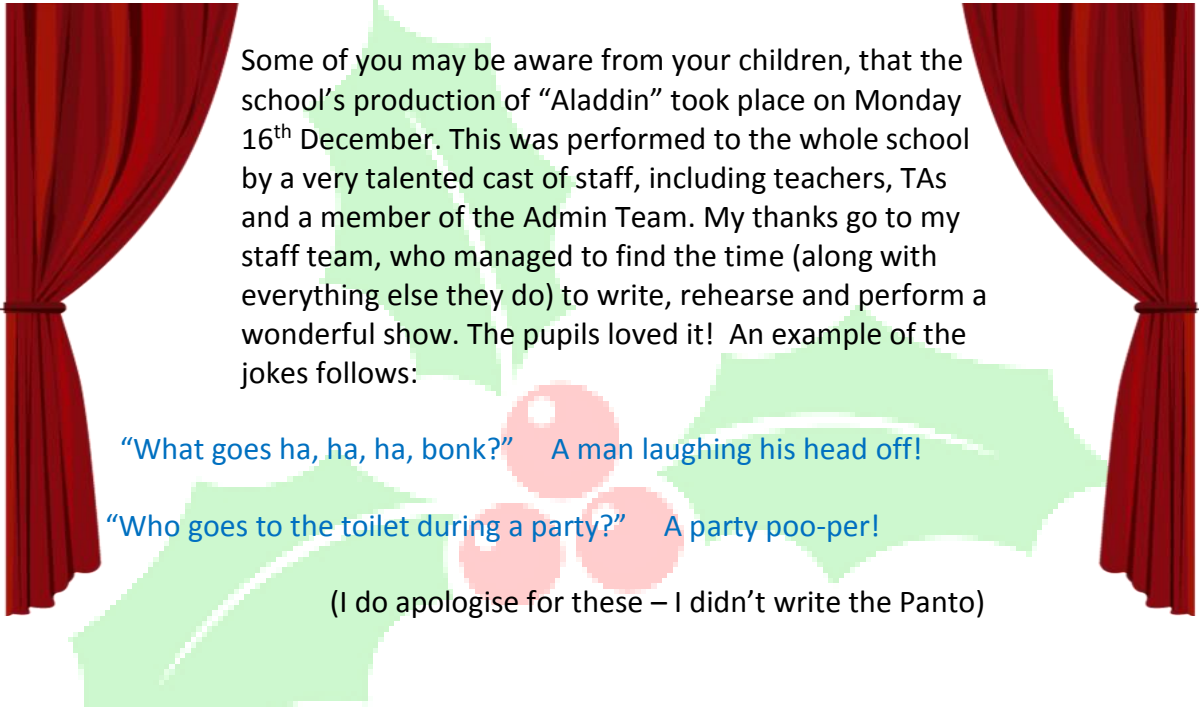
## Christmas Fair



Once again, our fabulous Christmas Fair, held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, proved not only very popular with you all, but also raised around £1,000 for the school – all of which will be used for the benefit of pupils.

Thank you all for your support.

## Staff Panto



Some of you may be aware from your children, that the school's production of "Aladdin" took place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December. This was performed to the whole school by a very talented cast of staff, including teachers, TAs and a member of the Admin Team. My thanks go to my staff team, who managed to find the time (along with everything else they do) to write, rehearse and perform a wonderful show. The pupils loved it! An example of the jokes follows:

"What goes ha, ha, ha, bonk?" A man laughing his head off!

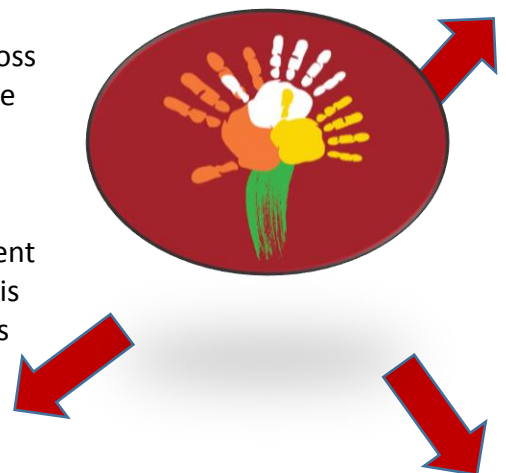
"Who goes to the toilet during a party?" A party poo-per!

(I do apologise for these – I didn't write the Panto)

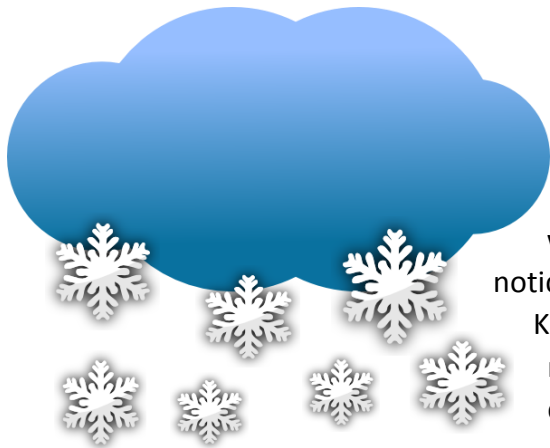
## New Curriculum Pathways

Many of you will be aware that we are in the process of introducing new curriculum pathways for pupils/students across the school. This is a very exciting initiative as it is felt that these new pathways will ensure that your child is following a curriculum appropriate to their needs and abilities.

After the Christmas break, we will be holding a curriculum event for parents where we will introduce each of the pathways. This will be held at 9.15am on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Reminders of this will be sent out in the new term.



## Procedures for School Closure



After Christmas we will be entering what are known to be the coldest months and there is always a chance that we could be facing snow. In the unlikely event that the school should have to close due to adverse weather conditions, we will put an early morning notice on the school website and post a notification on the Kent Closures website. We will also post the closure news on ClassDojo. Kent radio stations also broadcast closures over the radio.

Whilst we endeavour to keep the school open, many of our staff live outside the area and it could prove dangerous for them to travel into school due to the snow. We also have many of our pupils arrive by minibus from as far afield as Canterbury, therefore travel is often not advised. Please be advised also that the decision whether to drive in inclement weather (for children on transport) is within the jurisdiction of the transport providers and outside of the school's control.

## Fundraising Update - Hilary Plowman

Wow, I can't believe that in just over 3 weeks I would have been at the school for a year. The time has flown by and it has been great getting to know so many fantastic parents / carers, children, and staff. It really is an honour to be doing the job I do for such a wonderful school.

If you have any fundraising ideas that you would like to see put in place next year, please come and speak to me to let me know. It's great to gain ideas from others and a lot of fun to put them in place (most of the time). I can be contacted by phone on 01843 863891, or email: [fundraising@foreland.kent.sch.uk](mailto:fundraising@foreland.kent.sch.uk)

## Amazon Smile



If you are shopping on-line with Amazon, please consider shopping through the [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) website. Every time a person shops through the website, Amazon will donate a percentage of the purchase price to the school.

All you need to do to help us raise funds this way is sign-in as normal through the Smile site and choose Foreland Fields, charity number 1178764, as your charity to support.

Please encourage family, friends etc. to shop via Smile, or even ask your workplace - if they purchase goods through Amazon they can also use Smile to support the school and help raise money for charity.

## New Year Resolutions

Are you planning to make some New Year resolutions this year? My own resolutions have often lasted only a few days (sometimes just a few hours!) but this year I'm determined to become a lot healthier and fitter, and to help me along with this goal, as well as raising money for the school, I will be signing up to some of the KM Charity Events.

The following events are being hosted by the KM Charity team:

Abseil – 21<sup>st</sup> March, Bike Ride – 26<sup>th</sup> April, Colour Run – 7<sup>th</sup> June, Fire walk – 30<sup>th</sup> October

If you would like to take part in any of these events, please contact me at school. A lot of fun is promised!

# Thank You

It is a wonderful part of my job to be able to say 'Thank You' to so many generous people and businesses that support Foreland Fields School. This term I would especially like to thank the following:

### North Foreland Golf Club, Ladies Team



On Friday evening I was invited along to attend the North Foreland Golf Club Carol Concert. The evening was very festive; the Salvation Army brass band accompanied the carols, there were mince pies and mulled wine, and a puppet show put on by some of the club's members.

During the evening, the ladies of the club presented cheques to their chosen charities. This year they had chosen Pilgrims Hospice, EKUBS, and Foreland Fields School.

It was a very humbling moment when they presented a cheque to the school for a grand total of £3,085, which they have asked to be spent on our Hydrotherapy pool project.

### Thanet Fishermen's Association

The men involved with the Thanet Fishermen's Association have been busy raising funds for our school too. They have very kindly raised the sum of £300 which they donated to the school last week. This sum will also be put towards the Hydrotherapy pool project and we thank them for their interest in our school and the money they raised.

### Asda and Morrisons

Both Asda and Morrisons have continued to support the school this year, from providing prizes for our raffles, donating fruit for our 6<sup>th</sup> Form Enterprise to turn into chutneys, jams and marmalades, and even volunteering to help at our Summer Fair back in July.

Both of the community champion ladies from each store help the school in whichever ways they can and we are so grateful for this continuous support.

Hilary

### Dates for your Diary

1<sup>st</sup> Day of Term 3 – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Last day of Term 3 – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 @ 2.45pm

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 is a staff training day and pupils do not attend.



I would like to wish all pupils, students, families and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you on 6<sup>th</sup> January.

*Adrian*

