



# Fleetville News

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Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware that Marisa Laycock, one of our Fleetville parents, has recently had a book published - Santa's Delight. Over 600 copies have now been sold and the book has featured in many magazines such as The Big Issue, The Lady, Writer's News, The Bookseller and others. Locally it has featured in The Herts Advertiser and The Watford Observer - these are available to view on the school website. There will be a book signing event at Waterstones book shop in St Peter's Street this Sunday afternoon.

Please remember that school finishes at 1.45 next Friday. Please let the office staff know by next Tuesday if your child will need to stay beyond that time so that arrangements can be made. FACES after school club will operate as normal.

You will receive spring term curriculum overviews early next week so that you can help your child prepare for next term's learning.

This term has seen the launch of our Parent Reading Assistant and Parent Maths Assistant schemes. You are already making a difference to the children's learning. Thank you for the time and commitment you make on such a regular basis.

To support our work in making learning even more enjoyable and memorable there have been even more trips,

workshops and visits this term. Many of these could not have taken place without the generous support of parents. Thank you for your ongoing support.

As this will be the last newsletter of the term we would like to take the opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jeremy Loukes and Elaine Bridle

### PTA Quiz

Margreet Bockenbauer and Will Fletcher are kindly organising a quiz for Friday 21st January.

There will be a planning meeting next Monday, 13th December at 8pm. If you would be interested in attending the planning meeting, please contact Margreet, Will or the school office - thank you.

### Dates for your diary

15/12/10	Christmas Dinner
17/12/10	Term ends at 1.45pm
04/01/11	INSET day
05/01/11	Term starts for children
21/01/11	PTA Quiz
25/01/11	Yr5 Planetarium workshops
26&27/01/11	Yr3 SETPOINT workshops
10/02/11	Yr3 - Hatfield House
21-25/02/11	Half term

For a full calendar of events please visit the school website.

Dear Children,

Well done to the guitar and ukulele players who entertained us in assembly this morning. It was great to see you collaborating so well with each other. You obviously enjoyed preparing and performing such a range of music to us all.

We received a certificate this week from the organisers of Jeans for Genes day. It was to thank everyone for raising such a lot of money and for thinking of others in need. You can see the certificate on the 'Our Community' notice board.

Years 3 and 4 - you took us all on a wonderful journey as you performed Hansel and Gretel to three audiences this week. You sang, acted, danced and spoke well. We really enjoyed your performances.

The Upper School Choir took part in the Rotary Club Carol Concert yesterday evening along with the recorder ensemble. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the evening - many of them commented on your beautiful singing, playing and behaviour.

On Monday, the O2 choir joined approximately 7940 other performers to delight a 'packed house' with a varied programme of music. Well done to everyone involved.

Wednesday was 'Decade Day' in Year 6 - you dressed in period clothes and did activities about popular culture - pop art (in the style of Andy Warhol), cooking (cheese and pineapple hedgehogs and sherbet dips) and computer games (pacman, mario world and space invaders). Everyone painted

a piece of pop art. Have a look in the art room in January to see the finished piece.

Year 5 have been on a local walk to identify Victorian features in our locality. Lots of you have been talking about the things you spotted.

We would like to wish you a restful Christmas holiday. We are sure next term will be equally busy - you might like to be thinking about VCOP.

Mr Loukes and Mrs Bridle

### Orienteering Results

On 21<sup>st</sup> November our orienteering team took part in the British Schools Championships at Broxbourne. Team members were given a map and had to navigate themselves through the woods from the start to the finish whilst negotiating 'control points' as fast as possible. Competition was tough, with schools coming from all over the country - as far away as the West Country and the Lake District. Our runners did incredibly well - both girls teams came 4<sup>th</sup> in their categories and the school came 4<sup>th</sup> overall.

Although we did not come home with any medals, we are very proud that all our runners completed the course with no 'mis-punches', and they enjoyed the experience of being cheered to the finishing line by the crowd.

Well done to all those who took part and thanks to the parents who enabled them to get there.

Juliet Woodford

