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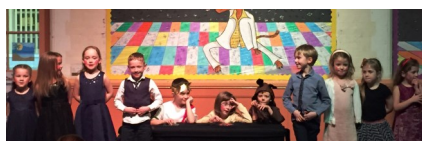
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Please remember that today is the last day of the Autumn Term. The Spring Term starts on Thursday 5th January. I wish you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

Light's, Camel, Action

The only words that can really be used to describe the Year 2 Production, are 'quite simply brilliant.' The children were fantastic, singing and acting their hearts out time after time.



Not that I come across many in my day to day work, but I will probably never look at a camel in the same way again nor for that matter, watch Strictly (not that I ever do) without rethinking my approach to scoring!



A huge well done to all the children and my thanks to all the staff who put so much work in and the children—fantastic. In total, the collections raised £300.25.

Attendance

Many thanks to all those parents who have managed to keep their children in school every day this term. It has made such a difference to their learning.

I fully appreciate that some children have fallen victim to various bugs that have been going around and that is reflected in the class attendance totals.

However, well done to class Romans with an excellent 98.5% attendance rate for this term. To 'Go Bananas' you shall go as your reward.

In fact, our top four classes are all some of our younger children in the school—fantastic.

Autumn Term 2016 Attendance		
	Class	%
1	Romans	98.5%
2	Chariot	98.2%
3	Roses	97.8%
4	Claudius	97.5%
5	Castle	97.4%
6	Mercury	97.3%
6	Trinovantes	97.3%
7	Eagles	97.1%
7	Iceni	97.1%
8	Jumbo	96.8%
9	Oysters	96.6%
10	Star	96.5%
11	Dutch	96.4%
11	Cavalier	96.4%
12	Circus	94.9%

Miss Ranson

We say goodbye to Miss Ranson today who starts her maternity leave.

How will Miss Pickard cope?



Total collections from the Foundation nativity last week was £236.51.

Christmas Fair—Class Stalls

Competition was hot and the teachers were vehemently competing for that coveted prize of making the most money.

As follows: 1, Claudius £163.50 2, Chariot £147.62, 3, Eagles £120.86, 4, Jumbo £118.00, 5, Dutch £116.89, 6, Star £101.20, 7, Circus £92.50, 8, Roses £77.30, 9, Trinovantes £71.97, 10, Oysters £71.74 11, Romans £71.60 12, Mercury £64.80, 13, Cavalier £40.87, Castle £40.87, 14, Iceni £28.68.

In total, the class stalls raised £1328.40 a fantastic amount so well done and thank you everyone.

Reading

We all know how important reading is to success and the fact that, as a school, we need your support as parents in helping your children learn to read. That's why we have an expectation of reading 5 x a week at home. Regrettably no class attained 100%. Classes Trinovantes and Roses were close with 95%. All of classes Trinovantes and Roses will be able to choose a free book in the new year. Sadly languishing at the bottom were Iceni with 78% and Jumbo 67%.

A new year a new start. Please make sure you listen to your child read 5 x a week and record it in their diaries.

Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that from after the Christmas Holidays the main entrance to breakfast club will be via the main entrance to the school and NOT via the playground.

I would ask parents please to park on the road having driven round the roundabout and use the main path.

Please note that this does not take effect until after Christmas.

At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.

Jane D. Hull

Breakfast Club

Please remember that from January, the entrance for Breakfast Club will be via the main entrance to the school and NOT via the playground.

Please can parents remember that they should be parking on the main road outside the school and walking down the main path and not using the school car park. Many thanks.

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Diary Dates

Wednesday 21st December. Last day of Autumn Term
Friday 23rd December @3.00p.m. & 7.00p.m. and Thursday 29th December @3.00p.m. 'The Nutcracker' at Firstsite. (Live performance from the Bolshoi Ballet.)

Saturday 31st December @11.00a.m. at Firstsite. 'The Jungle Book' (2016). Tickets £2.00

For Firstsite events please go to <http://www.firstsite.uk/whats-on/>

Monday 2nd January @3.00p.m. - Colchester United (at home) v Cheltenham.

Thursday 5th January 2017. First Day of Spring Term
Tuesday 17th January. Internet Café. 4.30p.m—5.30p.m. AF.

A few Christmas Jokes

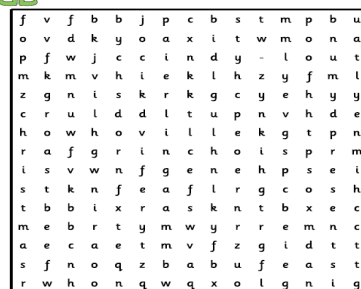
- 1, What do you call an old snowman?
- 2, What do you call Santa Claus when he doesn't move?
- 3, What carol is heard in the desert?
- 4, Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?
- 5, How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizza?
- 6, What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?
- 7, What do monkey's sing at Christmas?

Crossword/Wordsearch Challenge

This is the last wordsearch/crossword challenge this term.



The Grinch Who Stole Christmas Word Search



awful	chimney	christmas	cindy-lou	feast
grinch	heart	Max	merry	presents
roast beef	sing	sleigh	trick	who
whoville				

As always, Answers on Miss Salmon's door if you are at Abbey site and on Mr Green's door if you are at Town site
The winning entry each week from each phase will get to choose a free book or writing prize.

And Finally,

On behalf of all the staff of the school many thanks to everyone for your support this term. Our thanks as well to everyone's generosity this Christmas, all very much appreciated. I wish you the very best for the festive season and the new year.

As an aside the colour pink I chose for my daughter's room was shade perfect and was almost an exact match to her bed. Did I get any credit for it—I think not, I had to point it out myself and smile smugly. (In a different room of course!)

Have a very good Christmas Break

Simon Billings

ALWAYS REMEMBER: The greatest gift you ever own is not found in the shops or under your Christmas tree. It is found in the hearts of your family and your true friends.

Don't forget the Christmas Quiz—£5 voucher for the winning entry.

Christmas Joke answers: 1, Water 2, Santa Pause 3, O Camel ye Faithful 4, A Mince Spy 5, Deep and Crisp and Even 6, Claustrophobic 7, Jungle Bells.

Christmas Quiz 2016

(After all you can't watch the TV all of the time!)

- 1, After leaving Bethlehem, to which country did Joseph, Mary and Jesus travel?
- 2, Who tries to stop Christmas from coming by stealing all things of Christmas from 'the Who's'?
- 3, What name is given to small sausages wrapped in bacon?
- 4, What is the name of the skin that hangs from a turkey's neck?
- 5, Which American president banned Christmas trees in the White House?
- 6, Which of Santa's reindeer is named after another animal?
- 7, Which Christmas song's second verse begins with 'The cattle are lowing'?
- 8, The Christmas movie 'Miracle on 34th Street' is set in which city?
- 9, What was Mr. Bean searching for when he got his head stuck in a turkey?
- 10, What kind of creature was defeated by the Three Billy Goats Gruff?
- 11, Who has a dog called snowy and is friends with Captain Haddock?
- 12, Name King Henry VIII's six wives?
- 13, What was signed by King John at Runnymede in 1215?
- 14, What is the name of Donald Duck's girlfriend?
- 15, What is the name of Shrek's wife?
- 16, Which is the only vowel not on the top row of a computer keyboard?
- 17, Which jet black bird has lived in the Tower of London for centuries?
- 18, The name for which group of prehistoric animals comes from the Greek for 'terrible lizard'?
- 19, In which mountain range is mount Everest?
- 20, In which country is the Eyjafjallajökull volcano, which erupted in 2010?
- 21, Which is the only bascule bridge in London, whose road can be raised from either side to allow ships through?
- 22, In the UK it is believed that eating what on each of the twelve days of Christmas brings happiness the following year?
- 23, Who composed the music for 'The Nutcracker'?
- 24, The surname Chandler derives from the making or selling of what?
- 25, What is the first element on the periodic table of elements?
- 26, What are female elephants called?
- 27, What was Monstro, the giant animal that swallowed Pinocchio and his father?
- 28, In which card game would you meet 'Mr Bun the Baker'?
- 29, Which flower was named after a mythological character who fell in love with his reflection?
- 30, What is the more common name for the Tower of London's Yeomen of the Guard?
- 31, What is the name of the British Prime Minister's official country residence?
- 32, In which country are the Taurus mountains?
- 33, In the Star Wars films, what is the name of Han Solo's hairy friend?
- 34, Which literary villain disappeared over the Reichenbach Falls?
- 35, What colour is Mr Spock's blood?
- 36, Which scientist is associated with the equation $E = mc^2$?
- 37, Which is the only animal that has four knees?
- 38, In Cinderella, what was changed into a glass coach by the Fairy Godmother?
- 39, Who led a band of men called 'The Argonauts'?
- 40, The name of which type of pasta literally means 'little worms'?
- 41, 'No job is too big, no pup is too small,' who are they?
- 42, In whose house would you find 'Robert the Robot'?
- 43, Which Bond film features Dr Christmas Jones?
- 44, Which town was completely buried when Mount Vesuvius erupted in AD 79?
- 45, What name is given to the three-dimensional object that has six equal square faces?
- 46, Which animal – now popular as a pet- did the Ancient Egyptians worship?
- 47, Which film character sings 'Supercalifragalisticexpialadocious'?
- 48, For what did Pheidippides provide the inspiration in 490 BC?
- 49, What does the acronym UNCLE stand for in the tv series & film 'The Man From UNCLE'?
- 50, Name the three musketeers?
- 51, Who delivers presents to baby sharks at Christmas?