



*We are an inspiring learning community with high expectations, where all feel safe and happy and everybody has the opportunity to unlock and realise their potential*

**What's happening this term?**

- 12.12.16 Monday afterschool clubs finish
- 13.12.16 Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 – flu jabs
- 14.12.16 Natural History Museum (Year 3)
- 14.12.16 KS1 Christmas Concert 9.15am
- 15.12.16 KS2 Christmas Concert 5.00pm
- 16.12.16 Christmas Jumper Day
- 16.12.16 Nursery Class Concert 11.15am
- 16.12.16 Christmas Lunch
- 19.12.16 KS2 Pantomime – A Christmas Carol
- 20.12.16 Class Christmas Parties
- 21.12.16 Last day of term – finish at 2pm

**Christmas Fair**

Thank you to The Friends of The William Hogarth School who transformed the playground into a Winter Wonderland last Friday. We all had a great time.

**After School Clubs**

Please can I remind parents and carers that after school clubs have now finished except for Monday clubs which will finish on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> as they are catching up with a missed lesson due to an Inset day.

**Table Tennis fixture**

On Thursday, 9 pupils from Years 5 & 6 travelled across West London to Ashburnham Primary School in Chelsea to play against their pupils in a friendly match. The standard of competition was fantastic and our team showed an excellent competitive and sporting spirit, eventually winning overall by 32 matches to 28. Congratulations to Rio, Zaaki, Sam, John, Luca, Darcey, Mia-Ray, Quynh and Carlotta!

**Chess**

On Thursday 8th December, five lucky chess players from Year 6 were invited to attend The Mountbatten Room, RAC Club, Pall Mall, London, to play chess with and against the world's leading Grandmasters (who are taking part in the London Chess Classic Grandmaster Tournament). This invitation was offered to only six schools and William Hogarth were fortunate to be selected.

Thirty children were there in total and had to pit their wits against the English Grandmaster and the Armenian Grandmaster. It was very exciting to be part of this exclusive occasion in a superb setting. After the competition, the children were given lessons by these Chess Grandmasters, including the No. 2 Chess player in the world. It was truly an inspiring day and certainly encouraged our young would-be chess champions.



### **Pantomime**

If you have not already contributed to the Pantomime please do so by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Christmas Post Box**

The Christmas Post Box is now in the front entrance. Please make sure that the envelope is written clearly with the name and the class of the recipient.

Children will not be able to give their cards out during teaching and learning time so the post box **MUST** be used. It will be emptied daily.

### **Friends of The William Hogarth School**

Another great Christmas Fair last week!

Santa's Grotto looked magical, Mr Carter seemed happy to resume his role as our Father Christmas, year 6 were sweet elves and loads of big and small people seemed to be having a great time strolling around the festively lit and decorated stalls.

As usual we could not have pulled this together without your help. Thank you to everyone for taking the day off or to stop what you were doing to help set up, run and break down the stalls. A massive thank you to everyone who brought in the delicious food and cakes.

A few people really deserve to be mentioned by name:

**Steve Cameron** (Sam's dad in Yr3), without your lights and music, we would not be having an outside Christmas Market. Thank you for making it look fabulous once again.

**Mr Carter** (Yr2 Matisse teacher), you said the kids are starting to doubt your Father Christmas credibility but I don't see why. Keeping a straight face and sounding all Santa like for 2.5 hrs straight is no small feat. Thank you for putting on that red suit and massive beard once again.

**Steve Bane**, our caretaker, thank you for always being available to help us with setting up and breaking down our school fairs!

**Jeannie**, our school chef, thank you for once again helping us with baking Christmas cookies and baking a boat load of potatoes.

**Eileen, Rhona, their partners and Teresa**, for all the work you guys did on the grotto. It looked so good once again!

We raised around £2500, which will go towards funding new laptops and tablets for the school library.

We will be back in the New Year with more fun and exciting events. Have a great holiday and thanks again!

The Friends