



Friday 10th December 2021

From Mrs D'Arcy



It is hard to believe that we are almost in the final week of this autumn term and Christmas is almost here! The children and staff continue to work extremely hard, in very challenging circumstances. I would like to thank the team here at Hardwicke, for their continued support and determination to 'Keep Calm and Teach!'

Batemans now have our school supply of uniform. They are in the process of organising and sorting stock however, should you require any uniform going forward, you can contact them via the website [here](#).

Thank you for supporting the Christmas Jumper day. All funds raised will go to 'Save the Children' charity. In total we raised £235 so thank you for your support with this! I would also like to thank Mrs Brown, Alfie and Isabelle for mine and Miss Thomas' fabulous Christmas T-shirt! It really is fabulous so thank you!

Miss Thomas organised a whole school Connect 4 competition. Well done to all who took part and our overall winner was **Finley in 4WA!** Congratulations Finley you are the Hardwicke Connect 4 Champion! I wonder if you will take on the challenge against the staff?!

I would like to share with you again how proud I am of our Y5 Play Leaders. The children have worked really closely with **Tim from Kick off Stroud** and are now providing exciting and interesting games for the rest of the children during lunchtimes! It really is making a difference and their leadership skills are growing each day! They have also demonstrated great commitment to this initiative. You really are great examples of children that **SHINE!**

We are very excited about next week. The fabulous HPSA have arranged for a visit from a very special visitor next week! **Santa** will be in town! He will be in Hardwicke on Monday and visit each and every classroom and give a gift to each child! I am sooooo excited!

A big 'Thank you' to our HPSA for organising this for the children!

Please remember, we are still selling tickets for our beautiful **Hampers**. They cost **£1 per ticket!** There are many lovely treats inside the hampers—they would make a lovely Christmas gift! Thank you for your support with this!

There is very much a Christmas feel in school at the moment. Next week, I cannot wait to see the Reception children's Nativity which will go live on the website on **Wednesday 15th December!** Their photographs on this newsletter really made my day! We also look forward to the **Y3 and Y4 Carol Service** which will also go live on the website in line with the Nativity. Thank you to the team of staff who have made sure that these special events continue to be a real focus!

We have got many **Christmas parties** next week—please ensure that you follow the guidance given from each year group, with regards to party food and party clothes! Equally, we are very much looking forward to **Christmas lunch** next Wednesday!

During this period of Advent, we focus on the key messages for Christmas. As we spend time preparing for the birth of Jesus, we also think about those who are struggling, within our school and community. **Please remember that we are here to support you and your family –so please ask because we can help!**

Finally, I would like to say thank you to all staff, governors and parents for your continued support this year. It has been a year with many challenges and changes, but we have made it to the end (almost) of another successful term! I am very proud of all that we have achieved, whilst trying to navigate our way through this pandemic. For me, the best part of this term, **has been watching the fabulous children SHINE as they 'walk as children of light.'**





# Inspiring Children to Shine



RA Shine award	Dougie C & Wyatt L	Ethan F & Evie M
RA Reader of the week	William P	Leo W
RC Shine award	Arthur K & Jaxson B	Xzavier H & Amani H
RC Reader of the week	Leo Sn	Aria W
1R Shine award	Chester C & Oliver P	Laurence S & Ruby B
1R Reader of the week	Ruby B	Dae W
1W Shine award	Chester H & Oliver S	Alfie B & Isabel K
1W Reader of the week	Ivy R	Dolly P
2S Shine award	Piper D & Barnaby H	Miles M-B & Ffion L-S
2S Reader of the week	Miles M-B	Danaya P
2G Shine award		Tola O & Matthew E
2G Reader of the week	Lottie Pepper	Athena H
3C Shine award	Cole C & Leyla C	Reggie G & Alyssa W
3C Reader of the week	Lacey S	Theo Jefferies
3H Shine award	Isabelle B & River S	Morgan J & George HB
3H Reader of the week	Lara G	Masie Kitson
4Wa Shine award	Ade A & Lottie G	Finley C & Amayah M
4Wa Reader of the week	Harrison B	Billie Lay
4Wr Shine award	Elizabeth P & Rowan J	Zac F & Sophia M
4Wr Reader of the week	Jacob W	Beau TP
5H Shine award	Shay B & Oliver H	Lillie S & Oliver H
5H Reader of the week	Ellie S	Noah R
5P Shine award	Samuel G & Isabella P	Finlay H & Violet B
5P Reader of the week	Daisy East	Romily F
5C Shine award	Ryan C-A & Issy Brown	Jorja M & Elisha L
5C Reader of the week	Jorja M	Kira R
6C Shine award		Samuel L & Libby M
6C Reader of the week		Julia H
6HJ Shine award	Jade E & Summer B	Dominic W & Rubi H
6HJ Reader of the week	Tiyler A-B	Richard B



## Diary Dates 2021-22

### December

15.12.21 Reception Nativity

15.12.21 Y3&Y4 Carol Service

17.12.21 Hot chocolate Friday (selected children with SLT)

17.12.21 Last day of term

### January 2022

4th INSET day Teachers ONLY

5th Children return to school



## In our Prayers

We keep in our thoughts and prayers all who are struggling with their health.



## Are your children entitled to Free School Meals?

COVID has affected many families in different ways. If your financial situation has changed and you think you maybe entitled to Frees School Meals, then please follow the link.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

# At Hardwicke we SHINE

