



# Bird's Bush News



Autumn 2 - Week 15

21st December 2018

Please make sure we have your up-to-date contact number so that we can contact you in an emergency and keep you updated with our message system.

## Merry Christmas!

What an amazing end of term we have had! Thank you to everyone who has joined us this week for our Christmas Performances. The children and staff have worked so hard to prepare; learning songs and words to entertain and inform you. We are very proud of them all.

We had a wonderful Christmas dinner yesterday and an enjoyable visit to the Pantomime on Tuesday.

As it is the end of term we have presented Special Award Certificates for Learning Champions and 100% Attendance Awards Certificates in assembly. Today I gave 73 children their 100% attendance award, that's nearly a third of the school, which is absolutely amazing!

Mrs Rumsey's Class won the class attendance for this term and our whole school attendance is 96% which is great as this is our target for this year. Hopefully we will continue to celebrate good attendance all though to July.

We celebrated top readers from each class and the highest read class also won a prize. Reading at home really helps children practice their reading skills, develops their vocabulary, broadens their experiences and ignites their imagination. We love reading at Bird's Bush.

At the end of this term we are saying goodbye to Mrs Lea who is taking early retirement from her post as a teaching assistant at our school. We send her lots of good wishes for her future adventures.

A big thank you for all of the cards and gifts that you have sent if for staff in school. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

We would like to wish all of you a very merry Christmas and happy new year and look forwards to hearing all about what Santa has brought the children when we come back in January.

Children return to school on Tuesday 8th January as we have a staff training day on the 7th. All staff will be undertaking their statutory safeguarding update in the morning and then teachers will be over in Wolverhampton in the afternoon working with the other Trust schools.

See you next year!

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## Autumn Term READ IT! Top Reader Awards

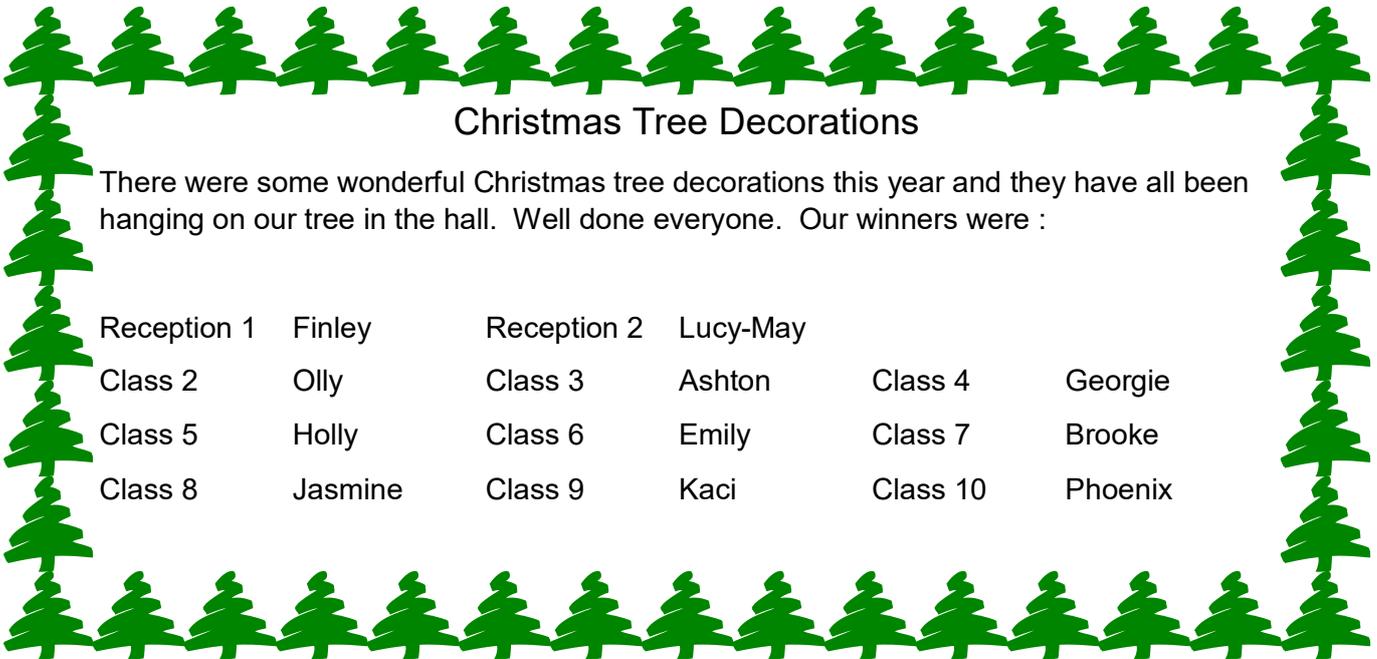
During the term children have kept a tally of how many times they have read and earned a 'Read it!' ticket. This is then totalled up termly to find a Top Reader from each class. These top readers chose a book from our special bookshelves.

Reception 1	Scarlett	Reception 2	Lucy-May		
Class 2	Harry	Class 3	Harrison	Class 4	Georgie
Class 5	Jessica	Class 6	Nikola	Class 7	Brooke
Class 8	Summer L	Class 9	Lauren	Class 10	Logan

Logan was the Top Reader for the whole school, having read 602 times since last Summer. Well done!



Class 10 were the Top Reading class with the highest average reading of all the classes!!



### Christmas Tree Decorations

There were some wonderful Christmas tree decorations this year and they have all been hanging on our tree in the hall. Well done everyone. Our winners were :

Reception 1	Finley	Reception 2	Lucy-May		
Class 2	Olly	Class 3	Ashton	Class 4	Georgie
Class 5	Holly	Class 6	Emily	Class 7	Brooke
Class 8	Jasmine	Class 9	Kaci	Class 10	Phoenix

### TERM DATES FOR 2018 - 2019

<b>Autumn Term 2018</b>	Wed 5th Sept 2018 Mon 5th Nov 2018	Thur 25th Oct 2018 Fri 21st Dec 2018
<b>Spring Term 2019</b>	Tues 8th Jan 2019 Mon 25th Feb 2019	Fri 15th Feb 2019 Fri 12th Apr 2019
<b>Summer Term 2019</b>	Mon 29th Apr 2019 Mon 3rd Jun 2019	Fri 24th May 2019 Fri 19th July 2019

We close at 1.15pm on Fridays

#### SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING DAYS

Mon 3rd Sept 2018, Tues 4th Sept 2018, Fri 26th October 2018  
Mon 7th Jan 2019, Mon 22nd July 2019

Our catering staff would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all of the colourful Christmas pictures that your children sent in for their competition. They have been displayed around the serving hatch and winners from each class received a gift.

Denese Hill (our Family Support Worker) will be holding a coffee morning in school once a month for our current parents. Our next coffee morning is on 25th January 8.45 am—10.00 am 15th February, 29th March, 24th May and 28th June.

Denese is also available throughout the week to discuss any issues, problems or concerns you may have.