Towers Times

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Dear families…..Season's Greetings!

This week it feels as if it's the coldest on record, with snow arriving on Sunday evening and continued freezing temperatures during the day and night. Whilst the snow seemed fitting for the Christmas period, with beautiful scenes across the country, we would like to thank our Site Team Mr Hardy and Mr Sayer, who worked through the early evenings, daytime and early mornings to ensure the paths were clear for families everyday this week. A huge thank you!

We would like to thank families for their kind messages of support during this time. A decision by governors to close the school, is never taken lightly; we always consider the safety of all, both families and staff.

Christmas festivities have continued to fill the air with our arts and crafts afternoons this week. It has been lovely to hear the children really enjoying the Christmas spirit that fills our classrooms and halls. Our classrooms look wonderful with handmade decorations and festive cheer!

Junior Carol Concert

Our House Captains were determined that the weather was not going to the better of us here at Towers, and we were all delighted that we still got the opportunity to share our carol services, in the school hall. Do check out the google classrooms, where you will be able to see and hear each of the houses' carol singing. Our thanks to staff and children alike, whose enthusiasm and 'can do' attitude ensured that the magic could still happen; Go Team Towers!

Reindeer Run

May we begin by thanking all of our amazing families for the generosity shown with all the wonderful donations for the sponsored Reindeer Run. Unfortunately, due to the snow and ice covering our playgrounds, we have postponed the Reindeer Run until the week beginning 9th January 2023. We are storing the antler hats in class over the Christmas period and will be posting pictures and videos on Twitter to show the children participating in the event, so look out for our messages! Please continue to send in any sponsor money after the Christmas period. Mr Pitty and Mr O'Meara have done a spectacular job of organising such a fun event which we look forward to completing in January. Thank you!

Safeguarding

We work with our families and outside agencies to safeguard our children. Our staff and families have a duty of care to report any concerns. We will always act in the best interests of the child. Our Designed Safeguarding Leads are: Ms Blurton and Mrs Hurley. Over the Christmas period, if you have any concerns, please contact the Havering Safeguarding Team on 01708 433222 (Monday to Friday) and 01708 433999 (Out of hours/weekends).

Thank you for being just amazing….

On behalf of all the staff, we would like to sincerely thank you for your kind and thoughtful gifts that we have received. Whilst they are never expected, they really do mean so much to us all! As we close the 'doors' for 2022 we hope that all of our amazingly brilliant, caring, loving and respectful children, you their parents and your families, alongside our brilliantly talented staff have a very happy, safe but fun filled Christmas!

We look forward to seeing you all again in 2023!

Ms L J Blurton
Head Teacher – Infant

Mr M J Dineen
Executive Head Teacher
The Federation of Towers Schools

Mrs C D Hurley
Head Teacher – Junior

Class	Attendance
Owl	83%
Puffin	85%
Robin	84%
Flamingo	83%
Starling	88%
Wagtail	93%
Goldfinch	92%
Kingfisher	73%
Toucan	91%
3D	88%
3P	93%
3H	89%
4P	88%
4T	75%
4C	84%
5M	88%
5C	90%
5RB	83%
6L	86%
6G	84%
6D	85%

Green 95% and above,
Amber 94.99% and 90%
Red for 90% and below.

Diary dates

Our published Spring diary can be found on our school website in the parents tab. Our VIP lunches will start again after the Christmas break., therefore the first lunch will be on the 16th January 2023.

Reception

Just a reminder that PE lessons will officially start for Reception children in January. Your PE day will be on Thursday each week, therefore children will need to be arriving to school in their PE kit with a navy or black tracksuit. We ask that trainers have velro and not laces, unless you child can tie their laces unaided.

Spring Term

The Spring Term starts on **Thursday 5th January 2023**.
Reception parents, reminder - it's Superhero Dress Up Day!