



Newsletter- Friday 19th December



Connect Games

Several netballers attended the Connect Games Netball tournament last Friday. They played brilliantly, winning two games and losing one. At the end of the tournament, it came down to goal difference, and it resulted in us winning! There was great attacking, shooting and defending by all the children who have developed their netball skills greatly during netball club this term.



Times Tables Rockstars

Thank you to everyone who got involved in our TTRS competition last week! We announced the winners of the Times Table competition on Monday - well done to Poplar, Elm and Hazel Classes, as well as our individual winners, who were our Times Table champions across the week!



Christmas Choir in the Community

On Monday afternoon, Miss Bellerby and Mrs Pimlott took our amazing choir on their annual community sing. They visited Asda, where lots of the community gathered to watch, all with smiles on their faces. They then went on to sing for the residents of Pattison Court and finished by chatting with residents. Well done to everyone who took part.



Theatre Trips

On Thursday, Year 5 took a long trek up to Marjons to watch The Snow Beast and Year 6 watched the pantomime, Dick Whittington. Thank you to staff for arranging such fun end of term opportunities for both year groups.



Football

Well done to the football team who attended the Devon Cup at Foulston Park this week. The boys soared through the group stage, scoring a bucket full of goals on the way to three wins and a draw. They saved their best performance against a strong Marine Academy Primary team in the quarterfinal and on another day, they would have progressed further. They narrowly lost one nil, but they all represented the school brilliantly and played some superb football.



Table Tennis Festival

This week, four Year 5 pupils had the opportunity to play at a table tennis festival. The aim of the event was to learn a new sport and Mr Easterbrook was certainly impressed by how quickly they picked up the skills to play. They came back to school with huge smiles on their faces and were inspired to play some more!



Community Christmas Cards

This week, I took some children to deliver Christmas cards to our school neighbours. Each class made a selection of cards, and they were delivered to houses surrounding the school to thank them for being great neighbours over the last twelve months.

Christmas Celebrations

What a lovely festive week we've had! We were visited by Santa, enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner, sang together in our carol service and had some lovely festive fun in year groups. A huge thank you to Santa for fitting us into his busy schedule and to our catering team for providing such a fantastic lunch this week.

Rocksteady Concert

On Thursday afternoon, our musicians took part in the termly Rocksteady Concert. They entertained us all with great skill and musical flair. It is great to see so many new children taking part and amazing to see how much progress the children are making since they first took themselves on this new adventure. Well done to everyone who took part.



Celebrations

Well done to Maggie in Year 3 who received an award at her gymnastics group last week for trying new skills. We are all really proud of you Maggie!

Amelia-Jane in Year 4 took part in her first Christmas concert with Plymouth Musical Activities Club where she sang and then read in a full theatre at Devonport Playhouse. Miss Bellerby, Mrs Pimlott and I were lucky to have been in the audience, and she was a superstar!



Fletcher in Year 3 was selected by the Independent Football Academy. He went on trials and, a couple of weeks ago, he was accepted. In his presentation this week he won the Outstanding Learner's Award.

On Saturday last week Ella from Fir class achieved her Level 5 in trampolining! We are all really proud of how hard she worked to get this badge.



Staff Farewells

Today we say a sad farewell to Miss Hick who is leaving us to start a different career. We would like to wish her lots of luck for the future and thank her for her hard work and support as a member of the Leigham Family.

We also say farewell to Tom Shipp this week. Tom, working for MAST, has been our Learning Mentor at Leigham for the last two years. Tom has been a great support for some of our pupils and is leaving to complete a postgraduate course to eventually become an Educational Psychologist. We would like to wish him well with this. We will welcome our new mentor- Erin Smith- to the team in January.



Letters from the Headteacher

A new batch of Letters from the Headteacher to recognise achievements this term are currently making their way to pupils in the post and I look forward to congratulating them in person in the new year.

On behalf of all the Leigham staff family, I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for a happy and healthy 2026.

Mrs Barker and the team

Key Dates

*Please check this section each week as new dates are added frequently.

Monday 5 th January	Start of Term 3
Monday 5 th and Tuesday 6 th January	Home visits for new Nursery pupils – NURSERY CLOSED
Wednesday 7 th January	Nursery reopens

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