



Together we learn. Together we grow.

Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of another successful term and this will be the final newsletter of 2018. Before I talk about the festive activities, I would just like to update you on our current PE status. As you are aware, we have recently been validated by AfPE (Association for Physical Education) for the PE quality mark. The PE team and staff have worked extremely hard to improve our PE achievements, sustain the high quality of teaching and extend our curriculum provision. I am pleased to announce that we have been awarded a distinction! In recognition of this achievement, Leasowes Primary School will be listed on the AfPE Quality Mark Webpage and the Association will inform the DfE of our achievements. As a school, this whole heartedly supports our school values as we firmly believe in a well-rounded curriculum for all children.

The last two weeks have been jam-packed with festive activities and I have had the absolute pleasure of watching all of the productions. They were all brilliant! Our Reception classes started off the celebrations with their 'Christmas Countdown'. The children sang beautifully and spoke with clarity, demonstrating their courage and confidence. Nursery performed a Carol Concert and managed to get most of the parents and other family members quickly reaching for the tissues! The children had to learn so many words and actions and performed like professionals to an extremely emotional audience. KS1 performed a Christmas play called the 'The Inn-Spectors'. This was filled with singing, dancing, acting and the humour was delivered with perfect comedy timing. I am so glad that we are inspected by Ofsted and not the Inn-Spectors! This week KS2 have performed their Christmas Carol Concert. This was an amazing event where the children showcased their talents and gave a key message about Christmas: a time for peace, love and enjoyment. A particular highlight was where the children sang Silent Night acapella, whilst our Head Boy and Head Girl read letters from the trenches. This came to a crescendo with children singing the English version of Silent night, accompanied by Year 6 singing the same verse in German. Just beautiful.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff and Governors at Leasowes, I would like to wish you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR! We look forward to seeing the children back in the new year, well-rested and ready to continue their learning journey. School is open to children from Tuesday 8th January.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Bettany
Headteacher



**Merry
Christmas**

