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Dear Parents,

End of term update – Autumn 2017

I cannot believe that we are already at the end of the autumn term; there is so much that our school community has done but so much that we still want to achieve.

The term began with training for staff on the use of film to inspire and motivate children's writing. The Mighty Oak Class watched the trailer to 'A Monster calls' and produced some evocative and incredibly effective setting descriptions. They also used a version of Hansel and Gretel which widened their vocabulary and even made their own film which you can see on our website. Rowan class watched extracts from 'Merlin' to gain a deeper insight into English History and Geography. Their character descriptions were realistic and it gave a real purpose to their writing.

The MacMillan Cake morning was extremely informative in that it gave parents the opportunity to share their thoughts on what the school does well and how it could improve. In response we have tried to notify parents of any menu changes and given updates on trip return times. The staff and I have discussed how we can extend the space available for children to play and we have some ideas that will be implemented over the next few months – money permitting. Mrs Bradley is investigating the implementation of an electronic pay system to help make transactions smoother. It is one of my priorities next term. We have also increased the number of activities available for your child to take part in outside the classroom. Staff, Governors and Parents have run our usual clubs such as Multi Sports and Netball but we have also introduced Lego, science, football and playground games activities that have been successful and good fun. Thank you to all those adults who have volunteered their time – it is much appreciated.

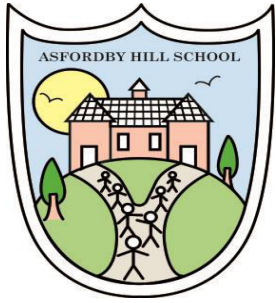
Over the term we have also raised money for other charities: Children in Need and Teen Challenge. Thank you for your amazing generosity – extra details can again be seen in the School Council section of the website. We were also able to send 15 'shoe boxes' abroad, full of Christmas gifts for people who are in need.

As ever, different classes have represented the school in different sporting events. They have behaved impeccably, showing great sportsmanship and enthusiasm. Children from Rowan and Beech played in the Yr3/4 tag Rugby tournament; Year 5 enjoyed themselves in the Sports Hall athletics; and Holly travelled to Brooksby College to compete in the Yr 2 Cross Country. The latter was very cold but the children didn't let it dampen their spirits. Miss Parrott was extremely proud of their stamina and mental strength.

There have been many highlights of the term – too many to mention really. One of the most special must be Chestnut's Nativity. All the children worked extremely hard to produce an entertaining, stunning recount of the Christmas story. They sang beautifully, danced and a group even played 'Twinkle Twinkle' on hand bells. What an incredible achievement. Watching how much they have developed over the few months they have been in school, has been a true pleasure. Another highlight that you have yet to see, will be the Key Stage 2 show 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. The children have mastered Shakespeare's language and listening to them sing the finale songs will bring a tear to your eye. I look forward to seeing you during the postponed performances on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> January. Another date for your diary is book week. On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January we will be holding our annual dressing up day – the theme this year will be 'Historical Characters'.



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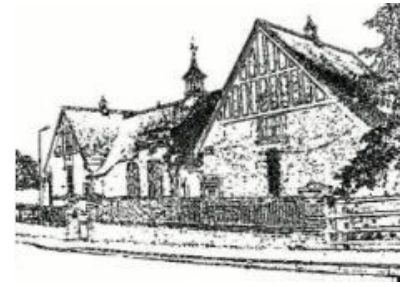
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Friends of Asfordby Hill School have worked tirelessly over the term raising money to support the education of our children. The Christmas fair was well attended and raised over £1400 and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves during the discos. Due to their fund raising, KS1 and KS 2 were able to go to the theatre at a reduced cost and have nibbles during the interval. The jokes and costumes at Cinderella, in Nottingham, made the children in Willow giggle continually, and watching Scrooge gave our older children an insight into real life theatre skills that they can now apply to their own shows. The trips were enjoyed so much, we have already booked tickets for next year's pantomime at Nottingham Playhouse.

I look forward to sharing further events and achievements with you in my next newsletter in March.

Meanwhile, do not hesitate to pop in to school if you need to discuss any concerns, or any of your child's achievements that you would like us to celebrate together.

Mrs Phil Millward

