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Achieving Excellence Together

20th December 2024

Dear Parents

It was great to see so many of you attend the Christmas Productions on Tuesday. The children in Early Years, Year One and Year Two put on back to back performances showcasing their singing, speaking and dancing skills.

On Wednesday, the choir sang at Luton airport; this was their last festive event of the year. They have representing the school fantastically over the past few weeks performing at different venues including the Luton and Dunstable hospital and Ridgeway Lodge.

Yesterday, children from across the school wore their Christmas jumpers. The Christmas lunch was a big success; I would like to thank ABM Catering for making this event possible.

In the final assembly of the term, we said farewell to Ms Sharma. After working at Hadrian for over 20 years, Ms Sharma is retiring and moving to East Anglia. We wish her all the best and are incredibly appreciate of the work she has done for the school over the years.

I hope you all have a fantastic Christmas and I look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 7th January.

Mr Griffin



Hadrian Band

The Hadrian band went to Ridgeway Lodge to perform to the residents with ukulele and bells.

After break time, we went to Ridgeway Lodge. The band had children from year 3 to year 6. When we arrived there, we were welcomed by one of their staff. We performed in their living room. We played Ho Hey, The Man from Tennessee, Away in a Manger and at the end we sang We Wish You a Merry Christmas. They kindly gave everyone a doughnut and a cup of orange juice. We met lots of residents and talked to them. We had a wonderful time there.

By Aaru Bhatt

Year R Production





Year 1 Production



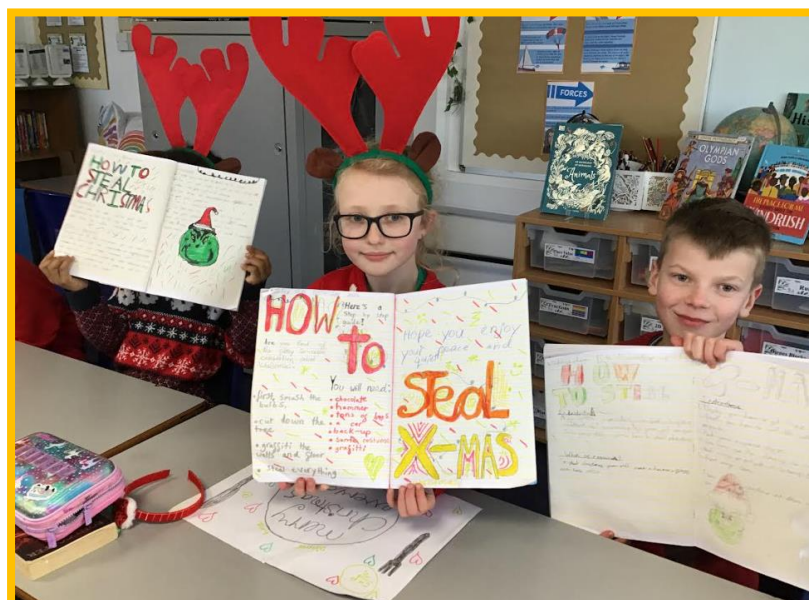
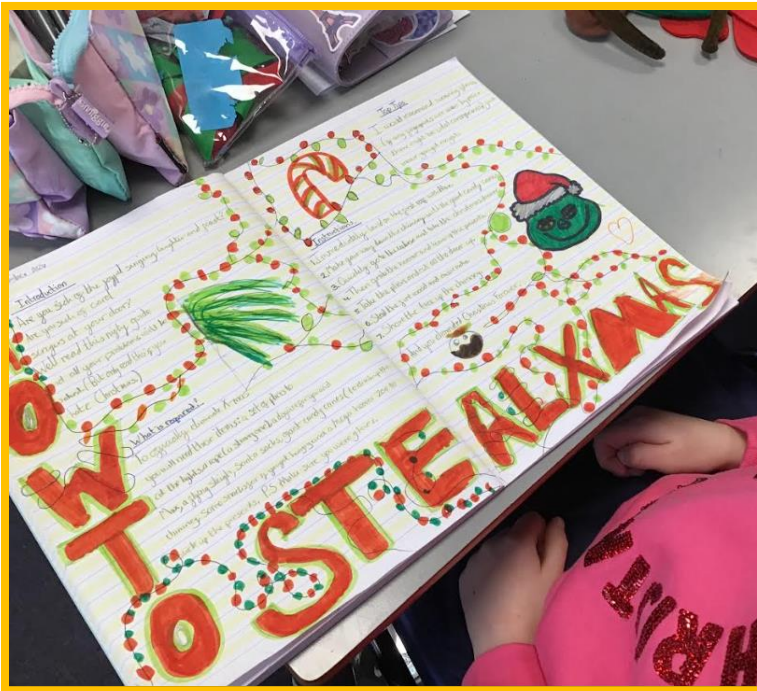


Year 2 Production





After Year 5 produced some beautifully written instructions for the Grinch on 'How to Steal Christmas' it was inevitable that the Grinch would appear to attempt to do just that! He failed of course, but instead created lots of laughter around the whole school.

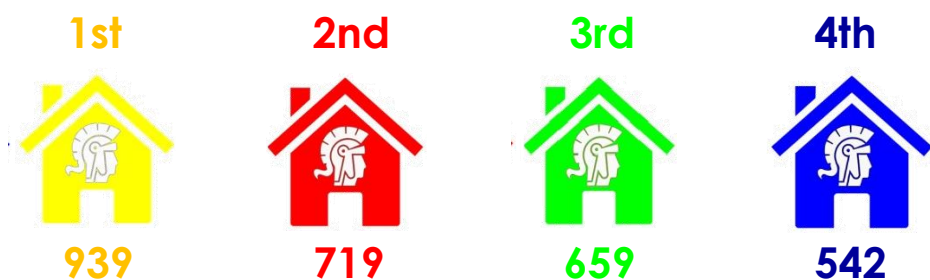


House Points

Weekly total:

St. Patrick	49
St. David	81
St. George	61
St. Andrew	30

Overall points since the start of the school year:



Attendance

The classes with the top attendance this week are:

Tiger class with 98.9%

Elephant class with 97.2%

Giraffe class with 96.6%

The whole school average attendance this week is **94.4%**.

Mr Griffin

Principal

Dates for your Diary

Fri 20 th Dec	School finishes after lunch at 1.30pm	ALL	
School closed for Christmas 23 rd Dec – 3 rd Jan 2025			
Mon 6 th Jan	Teacher Training Day	ALL	School Closed
Fri 17 th Jan 9.00am – 9.30am	Coffee Morning	ALL	Parents welcome to come long and meet with the new Senior Leadership Team
Mon 3 rd Feb	Choir to sing at Young Voices	Full	
Mon 23 rd Jun – Fri 27 th Jun	Kingswood Residential, West Runton	Yr 6	All payments to be made via ParentMail

Diary dates can also be found on our website by clicking [here](#).



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great
prospects

**Was your child born between
1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?**

**They will start school in September 2025, so you
need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2025.**

 **Apply online at** www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

You can also complete a paper application form which is available from your local school
or by contacting School Admissions  admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk  0300 300 8037

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PUPIL PREMIUM IS MORE THAN JUST FREE SCHOOL MEALS

You may be eligible for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium if you are in receipt of certain welfare benefits. If you think you may be eligible, contact Central Beds by phoning **0300 300 8306**. More details can be found at <https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Did you know

We will receive
extra funding for
every eligible pupil
who is registered!

If your child has a packed
lunch or if your child is in
EYFS or Key Stage 1
you can still apply

Benefits of Pupil Premium for your child:

- Free daily school meal. This can save you **over £200 per child per academic year**
- 50% off school trips/residentials
- 20% off school uniform Logo items
- Discount is available to the Cool Kids before and after school Club
- Free daily carton of milk
- Discount on LAMDA



**Hadrian
Academy**

Further details of Pupil Premium/FSM at
Hadrian Academy can be found on
our [school website](#)

Central Bedfordshire Council currently offers any child eligible for Free School Meals a supermarket voucher to help support during school holidays. [Click here](#) for more details.

Holiday activities and food (HAF)
programme Central Bedfordshire

For more details [click here](#)

PUPIL PREMIUM IS MORE THAN JUST FREE SCHOOL MEALS

At Hadrian Academy, we recognise that all pupils regardless of their background should have equal access to a curriculum which will enable them to reach their full potential. The pupil premium is a Government initiative that targets extra money to pupils from deprived backgrounds. Research shows that many of these pupils underachieve, compared to their peers.

Qualifying benefits for free school meals

The qualifying benefits for free school meals are:

- Universal Credit (if your annual net earned income is no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (if you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual gross income is no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

The Government uses pupils entitled to Free School meals as an indicator for deprivation, this year Hadrian Academy will receive £1,480 per pupil, based on the number of pupils eligible for Free School meals.

At Hadrian we use the extra funding in a variety of ways to improve the quality of our children's education and to employ strategies that will support these pupils to increase their attainment, overcome any barriers to learning. This could include improving attendance, supporting emotional well-being, narrowing attainment gaps or providing enhancement opportunities to the curriculum, additional training for staff or employing additional staff to help us meet all of our children's needs.

Therefore, we ask that any PARENTS / GUARDIANS who think that they may be eligible, please apply by calling **0300 300 8306**. Further details can be found on their website

<https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals>





CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY - Fun Basketball Camps

At ASHTON ST. PETERS PRIMARY SCHOOL, LEIGHTON COURT, LU6 1EW

Session 1	FRIDAY 27 th DECEMBER	9am – 12pm	Cost £10
Session 2	FRIDAY 27 th DECEMBER	1pm – 4pm	Cost £10

*Please note if your child attends both sessions on the same day there will be **FREE** supervised lunch, so bring a pack lunch*

There are limited places on these sessions. The places will be given on a first come first served basis. At the session the children will play fun games, competitions and have the chance to win prizes such as basketballs, medals and other goodies. There will also be a mini tournament with awards at the end of the session.

Please complete and return the bottom of this slip to your basketball coach with payment to secure your place.

*Payment by cash or cheque (cheque's made payable to **Hotshots Basketball**).*

*Any questions do not hesitate to contact your coach or text **DAN SMITH** to book on (tel): **07891 021151**.*

I would like my child to attend the following session(s): **1 2** Circle correct session(s)

Childs Name..... Parents Signature.....
Childs Age.....year..... School..... Contact Tel.....