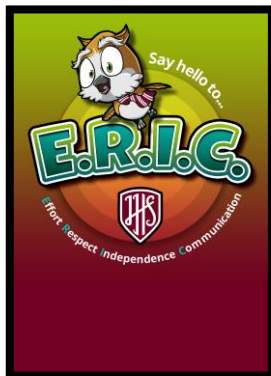




It's the end of a very busy and jam-packed term and we are all ready for a well-deserved rest. We have had more staff changes since the last Newsletter. Mrs Livett in the front office left us at half-term for a new role in a local school, but we were joined by Mrs Fraser and Mrs Pardoe. Mrs Pardoe is only with us until Christmas, but we hope she's enjoyed her time with us. Mrs Fraser will be still with us after Christmas and we hope she continues to settle into the school.

The building works have continued and the end is now in sight. After Christmas, we just have Acorn Class, the kitchen and the offices to do – so not long now. Even though the building works are still going on, we have managed to put some events on at Christmas. For a quick report on these, please read on.....

Ms S Warnes



E.R.I.C. Awards

Congratulations to everyone who has achieved the following ERIC awards this half term:

Gold

- Ollie Still

Silver

- Anya Hounsell
- Ryley Wyman-Beaumont
- Rosa Brin
- Chloe Smith
- Daniel Meekings
- Tobi Adeniba
- Brooke Onslow
- Leeland Cheshire
- Ellie-Faye Halls

- Charlie Weaving

Bronze

- Jessica Hagger
- Thalia Emberson
- Travis Nunn
- Joseph Diggins
- Madeline Dore
- James Dore
- Isla Mcritchie
- Harry Gill
- Maddison Hooper
- Tiger Hillard
- Daisy Fitter
- Alexia Dias
- Erin Martin



News:

We had a brilliant Dress up Day for Children in Need. The theme was 'A Night at the Movies' and there were prizes for every class. We raised a fantastic £469.11

Christmas Cards

Well done to Emily Savill (Chestnut) and Sonny French (Beech) who had their Christmas card design selected to be The Jotmans Hall Christmas Card 2019. Acorn Class also had a



very festive trip to the Post Box to send their special cards home.

Design & Technology

Thank you to the parents, friends and grandparents who came along to Cedar Class Design & Technology morning. Everyone worked really hard but all the extra help allowed the children to design and make some fantastic bedrooms.



Christmas Festivities



Acorn Class held a lovely Christmas Coffee Morning for all their friends and family. They sang a few Christmas songs for everyone to

enjoy and then got busy making some Christmas Crafts. Thank you to everyone for coming along, your support made it a very special event for the children.

Despite all our building works we were delighted to still run our annual Year 1 Nativity.



This year it was called 'A Midwife Crisis', the children performed and sang their hearts out.

Bravo to everyone involved.

School Trips



In November Jotmans Hall School Council went to visit Castle Point Council Offices. They were given a tour and met with the Mayor. The children had prepared lots of questions for him beforehand and used the time to find out some more information about the issues that were important to them.

Acorn Class took part in their first school trip – to Colchester Zoo. They were able to have a look at all the animals and had a very special encounter with the penguins. To round the trip off they also took home a present from a very special visitor to the zoo – Father Christmas himself.



Visitors

A theatre company came to Jotmans Hall School and performed Macbeth for our Year 5 and 6 children. It was a very dramatic day and it inspired lots of wonderful writing from the children.



Upcoming Events

Starting in the New Year, we would really like as many volunteers as possible to help carry out some extra reading with the children.

As I mentioned in my previous newsletter, we are trying to raise the profile of reading throughout the school. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the school office.

For an up to date calendar with all our events, please check your eSchools messages and the school website.

Website

Remember to check your child's class pages. There are regular updates of what they have been up to in the classroom.

School Dinners



Reminder! - Please ensure you log-in and pay for the dinners that have been taken.

Earlier this term we informed you that we have to raise the price of school dinners to £2.20. This will take effect from Monday 6th January



Wishing you a Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year

See you back on Monday 6th January
