



It has been a while since I have issued a newsletter – but as I'm sure you'll all agree it's been quite a year.

We have managed to get through the Autumn Term and although all the bubbles had to go home for an isolation period at least once, we have tried to keep the disruption to the children to a minimum.

Even that last paragraph shows how much life has changed for us all. If I had talked to you about bubbles and isolation in January – you would have, quite justifiably, thought I had gone mad! However, life has changed dramatically for us all, and who knows what challenges 2021 holds.

Before we face 2021, I would like to say an enormous *Well Done* to all the children (and their families) for how they have managed with all the changes we have had to make. The children have remained positive and cheerful throughout and have continued to work hard whether at home or in the classroom. The school was strange without them all – it was so lovely to see so many back with us in September.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say *Thank You* all the staff of Jotmans Hall School. They truly are an amazing team. Everyone has played their part this year, whether it's keeping the school safe and clean, running keyworker groups or trying to manage classroom learning as well as online learning for those at home. They have risen to all the challenges we have faced – and kept on smiling.

Despite all the changes and hard work, we still have managed to have a bit of fun, especially in the run up to Christmas. We've managed to hold lots of different events such as; Party with Pudsey, Santa Runs, Christmas Jumper Day and

watching a pantomime, to name but a few – more details later in this newsletter. It was fantastic to see and hear all the children enjoying themselves – especially as the school has been so quiet for so much of the year.

I wish you all a very well deserved and restful Christmas break. Please stay safe and take care of each other. I look forward to seeing everyone back in January and fingers crossed we have a much, much, much calmer year.....

Ms. S Warnes

E.R.I.C. Awards

Congratulations

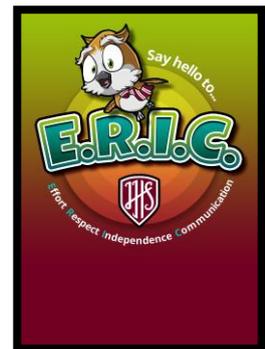
to everyone who has achieved ERIC awards this term.

We've had:

11 Bronze Awards

13 Silver Awards

1 Exceptional Eric



Reading Certificates

Well Done to all the children that have achieved their Bronze or Silver certificate for reading.

We look forward to giving out many more certificates – Bronze, Silver & Gold in the New Year.



News:

STONE AGE DAY

Sycamore, Maple and Lime Class had a fantastic day learning more about their History topic. They came to school dressed as cave men



and women (we even had a Woolly Mammoth or two!) and spent the day learning all about life in the Stone Age. It was Yabba Dabba Doo!!

TOY WORKSHOP



Cedar, Beech and Willow Class had a visit from the excellent Fresh Water



Theatre Company where they had a go at some drama and learned all about toys for their History topic. They even had a go at making some for themselves.

CHILDREN IN NEED



We came in our party clothes to help raise money for Pudsey. We raised a magnificent £416. Thank you to everyone who took part.

We also raised money for The Royal British Legion by selling poppies in our class bubbles.



SANTA RUN

On Friday 11th December we held a sponsored Santa Run. The children ran laps around the school -all dressed in festive outfits. The children put a huge amount of effort in. Some even seemed to turn as red as their Santa suits! Thank you to everyone who helped raise money for The Friends of Jotmans Hall – we'll let you know a grand total in the New Year.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

We had our Traditional Christmas Dinner – but this time in our bubbles (of course!). However, none of the festive atmosphere was lost and there was a magnificent array of Christmas Jumpers on show to brighten up the dining hall.



PENN UK CHRISTMAS BOXES



Thank you to everyone who donated a box to the Penn UK Christmas gift box scheme. They were overwhelmed with the effort everyone had gone to. It just shows what a caring and generous community we belong to. The boxes are bound to brighten up lots of people's Christmas this year.

Upcoming Events

Winter Reading Challenge **2020**



Over the Christmas Break our local libraries will be running a Winter Reading Challenge. Please let your class teacher know if you manage to

complete it. We might find an extra reward for you! For more information please go to: libraries.essex.gov.uk

World Book Day 2021

We will be celebrating World Book Day in March. Look out for more information on the different events in the New Year.



COLLECTING STAMPS

Please remember to carry on collecting your stamps – we are collecting them for a worthy cause – **The Bone Cancer Research Trust.**



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

School Dinners



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

Happy Christmas

See you back on

Tuesday 5th January 2021