

# News Update

Autumn Term 2 — Week 5

3rd December 2021

# **Key Diary Dates**

Event / Activity	Date
Festive Jumper day/ Festive meal day	10th December 2021
PHIA Festive Fair— (Outdoors weather and Government guidelines permitting)	10th December 3.30-5.30pm
Filming of Festive performances	13th, 14th, December 2021
End of term	17th December 2021
January INSET DAY	Tuesday 4th Janu- ary 2022
Spring term begins	Wednesday 5th January 2022
INSET Day in Summer term	Monday 25 April 2022

## Polite notice:

Please can we politely request that all play equipment is not used at drop off and collection times in the academy day.

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Thank you for your support and understanding.

# **Principal's Post**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like take this opportunity to say a huge 'THANK YOU' for the generosity shown by the academy community towards the charitable events supported by the academy. I have been particularly touched by the huge amount of money raised for Children in need which was £308 and the Reindeer run on behalf of St Catherine's Hospice (see further details within this newsletter) and the amount of donations and support for the Festive Fair on Friday 10th December. It truly is a privilege to be part of the Pound Hill community and I look forward to sharing many more events with you all over the next year and beyond.

I wish you all a safe and peaceful weekend.

Mr T Jordan

# COVID-19 Update:

The academy and locality continues to see a rise in covid-19 cases.

Specific year group/class letters and general warn and inform letters, in line with Public Health England guidance, have been sent.

The academy remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

Important information regarding the revised arrangements for the festive performances have been sent.

To reduce the risk of transmission further, please consider:

- Maintaining your distance from the classroom doors
- Think about your distance from others on the playground at drop off and collection.

Take care and stay safe.



Weekly Class
Recognition Awards,
Congratulations to all
our winners:

**Reception:** C Rolf, M Mellows, Z Nazir, J Fowkes, A Suchak-Karia and B Saunders

**Year 1:** M Beauchamp, J Finnimore, F Savage, A Bell and A Page and A Robertson.

**Year2:** J Ferrar, G Kalkat, E Fuller, T Ballaro and G Yanquoi.

## A good read

With a wintery shower on Thursday morning, this week's good read is a recently new released story written by Julia Donaldson called 'Squirrel's snowman'. The wonderful wintery tale tells the story of a squirrel who wants to build a snowman, but will the squirrel and her friends have everything they need to build a snowman?

Do you like playing in the snow? What do you enjoy building or making when playing in the snow?



#### Gifts for staff!

Some parents have been asking if there will be drop boxes for gifts for Christmas gifts for staff.

Whilst there is never an expectation of a gift, for those that would like to, there will be drop boxes on the playgrounds during W/C 13th Dec 2021.

Thank you!

#### FoPHIA are on Facebook!

# facebook

Just search Friends of Pound Hill Infant Academy and click 'like' to get our updates!

Please note - this page will only be used for sharing information regarding Friends events/ donation days/key information etc. It is not a means of communication to staff members at school.

Thank you.

# **Friends of Pound Hill Infant Academy (FOPHIA)**

The Friends of Pound Hill Infant Academy (FOPHIA) are fundraising for an exciting new project. Thank you for all donations received and for raffle tickets sold. If you would like more raffle tickets to sell, please collect from the front office. Thank you.

The Festive Fair will be on Friday 10th December

This event will held outside on the main playground, weather and Government guidelines <u>allowing!</u>



### **Christmas/Festive Jumper Day:**

The academy will be marking 'Christmas Jumper Day' as part of the Save the Children campaign on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

All children are welcome to wear their Christmas/

Festive jumper, providing a donation of £1 (if you are able to donate).

All donations will be sent to the Save the Children campaign.

<u>Children are expected to wear school uniform on</u> this day.

**Christmas card collections:** 

Year group post boxes will be available for Christmas cards on:



Monday 6th December 2021

Thursday 9th December 2021 Monday 13th December 2021

Christmas cards will be delivered to the children's classrooms throughout the week and sent home with the children.

#### Reindeer Run!

On Wednesday our children took part in a Reindeer Run, organised by the academy's pupil Charity Committee. All children wearing their antlers ran three laps around a set route.

A big thank you to everyone who have kindly made a donation. As a community we have raised a very impressive £816 to date. If you would still like to make a donation you can do so via our just-giving page using the link below:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/elizabeth-davis35?utm\_source=Sharethis&utm\_medium=fundraising&utm\_content=elizabeth-davis35&utm\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\_term=c159e77d31704dfc8e66bdc65e183e3b



The Friends of PHIA would like to say a big thank you to all parents who brought in their donations for the **Bag2 school**, our community raised £60. We were so impressed with the effort and creativity you all used to ensure you could support the academy—Thank you!





