



## Pound Hill Infant Academy - Term 2 – Week 5

### Friday 6th December 2024



PHIA Pupil numbers: Reception: 90 Year 1: 90 Year 2: 89

#### Key Term Dates

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| December 2024<br>Winter performances – save the date(s): | EYFS – 10 <sup>th</sup> December (9.15am)/11 <sup>th</sup> December (9.15am)<br>Year 1 – 11 <sup>th</sup> December (2.15pm)/12 <sup>th</sup> December (9.15am)<br>Year 2 – 17 <sup>th</sup> December (9.15am)/18 <sup>th</sup> December (2.15pm) |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2024                  | End of Term 2. PHIA finishes at 3.10pm   |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024                    | PHIA INSET Day – Staff training: Leadership in the curriculum  |
| Festive Holiday  |  |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025                      | Start of Term - doors open for all pupils at 8.30am  |



#### This Week's Spotlight – The Reindeer Run



It was wonderful to see all pupils enjoying and participating in the charity Reindeer Run this Thursday (5<sup>th</sup> December 2024). On completion of the event all pupils were given a set of reindeer antlers, as a thank you from St



Catherines Hospice. Thank you for all the voluntary donations and sponsorship. The academy has raised over £900, for St Catherine's Hospice.



#### Principal's Message – Performances about to begin

We look forward to welcoming parents and family members to the Winter Performances that begin from next week. Places have been allocated and confirmation sent electronically.

The performances, linked to key texts within the PHIA curriculum, offer all pupils the opportunity to develop their spoken language and performing skills.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr T Jordan  
Principal



## Attendance

**Morning drop off:** This is a reminder that the academy doors open at 0830 and all gates shut at 0840.

(Please note: Late attendance is monitored and communication may be had to support any patterns of late attendance.)

**Absence:** If your child is absent, please telephone the academy on the day of your child's absence by 8.40am or via [office@phiacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@phiacademy.org.uk).

More information about academy expectations on attendance and absence can be found via the academy website: [Attendance and Absence - Pound Hill Infant Academy](#).



#### Congratulations to all our Weekly Celebration Winners

**Care Respect Independence Perseverance Success**

**Reception:** E Brimelow, K Marsh and N Pordum

**Year 1:** A Patel, N Marriott and M Latter

**Year 2:** S D'Costa, E Musaja and T Brimelow

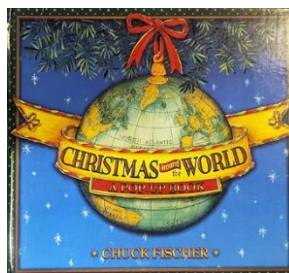


### FOPHIA -Festive Fair

We welcome donations, volunteers and as many of our community to join us for PHIA's Festive Fair, on Friday 13th December 2024!

All money raised will return back to the academy to support the pupils.

### CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD is a spectacular gift



book featuring the holiday traditions of countries around the world, presented in the three-dimensional art of a pop-up book. Featuring: France, Germany, Russia, Latin America, Scandinavia, Great Britain, Italy and the United States, each spread is more eye-popping than the last.



### Is your child entitled to receive a Pupil Premium Grant?

If your family has a lower income, your child may be eligible for a range of financial support including:

- Food shopping vouchers during the school holiday
- Support with after school and breakfast clubs
- Support with clubs within the academy
- Free uniform
- Other educational support.

This additional funding is known as Free School Meals or a Pupil Premium Grant.

You could qualify if you receive any of these benefits:

- Universal Credit (with a net income of £7,400 or less per year)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with a yearly income of £16,190 or less and not receiving Working Tax Credit)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after eligibility ends)

The application form is easy and quick to complete. This can be done at home or in the academy. You are not required to produce extra evidence. You only need your email address and national insurance number. If you are unsure as to whether you are eligible or not, then apply to check!

To apply follow this link or come into the office to ask for more information

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/#how-to-apply>

### Road Safety

If you witness anti-social driving, then please report to Sussex Police, using the '**Operation Crackdown**' link attached below.

### [Anti-Social Driving Public Reporting System](#)

Unfortunately, the academy received a further complaint from local resident regarding the parking at drop off and collection this week. I continue to urge drivers to drive safely and park legally within roads around the academy. I also urge the community to continue to be respectful to each other and neighbours. This is to ensure the safety for all.

Mr Jordan  
Principal

