

From the Principal...

It has been a fabulous week for festivities, as showcased below. The standard of music at the Christmas Carol Service this year was incredibly impressive, as was the number and range of students involved. Watching the joy on the faces of the youngest members of the choir and the commitment of the performers made for a really special event.

This week's assemblies have focused on the season of goodwill and have shared messages from the GMTV #BeKind campaign. You may wish to join the hundreds of thousands of parents and carers nationally that have pledged to watch the [video](#) with their children to explore and discuss the importance of kind behaviour and the implications of bullying.

There has been an outbreak of the Norovirus at The Meadow Primary School. With many siblings at LVC, please can I reinforce our expectations for students to stay off school for at least 24 hours after they have symptoms of a sickness bug. We want to minimise the number of families that start the Christmas holidays with illness.

We still have two more days of the academic year before we shut for the break on Tuesday (please take note of the earlier closing time below). We are looking forward to a positive morning of fundraising for lots of worthy causes to end the term. We will be saying goodbye to Dr Parry who is relocating to Newcastle and Mrs Tod who starts her maternity leave. We wish both of them well. Mrs Milne returns to the History department at the end of term and we will be joined by Mrs Johansen in Science and Ms Brewin in Drama.

May I take this opportunity to wish all LVC families a very happy, safe and enjoyable Christmas. I look forward to welcoming staff and students back on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

Helena Marsh



Print Making

Last week, Year 10 art students experienced printmaking days with the art staff led by Susan Jones. Susan is a professional tutor and printmaker who runs her own fine art and art education business, after working at the Curwen Print Studio for many years. Students were able to use the highest quality inks and papers to produce both multi layered lino prints and mono prints (in which each individual print is entirely unique). The standard of work produced was very high, and students learned a great deal about printmaking as well as their own independence and resilience! Behaviour, as ever, was impeccable. *Ms McGrath*



Christmas Jumper Day

Students raised £345 for charity on Thursday by paying £1 to wear a Christmas jumper. The ethos forum decided that this year the money raised will be given to [Young Minds](#), a child and adolescent mental health charity. Thank you to all those that donated. *Miss Gelder*



Carol Concert

Over 160 of the school's musicians sang and played at our Carol Concert on Tuesday, bringing warmth and Christmas sparkle on an exceptionally cold night. It was lovely to see Balsham Church packed out with supporters singing together. Highlights included Reuben Kirkman's trumpet solo 'The Shepherd's Song', the Symphonic Wind Orchestra's medley 'Christmas on Broadway' and performances from the three choirs. *Mrs Jukes*

Dance Competition

On Wednesday, the Arts Faculty held a competition to celebrate the wealth of dance talent at LVC and give opportunity for students to develop their choreography and performance skills. There were two categories: a duets and trio section and a solo section. The standard of all entries was outstanding and the judges had a very difficult job deciding who to place 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each category. We hope to announce the winners and runners up very soon and well done to all who took part. We look forward to seeing many of these dances in the Dance Production on Tuesday 6th February 2018, where the winners will be presented with their prizes. Tickets will go on sale in early January. *Mrs Washbrooke*



Dates for your Diary

19th Dec	Last Day of Term—LVC closes at 12.05pm Christmas Fayre
3rd Jan	Spring Term Starts
10th Jan	Sports Fixtures
15th Jan	Year 9 Eyes on the Prize
16th Jan	Aldeburgh Young Musicians Workshop
17th Jan	Mosque Trip
24th Jan	PSHE Day

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Overdue
30.11.17 November 10 Month Bus Payment Plan
15.12.17 Year 9 Eyes on the Prize

Payment
15.12.17 Final Payment for Ski 2018
30.12.17 December Bus Payment
05.01.18 Year 11 RS Students Mosque Trip
16.03.18 Year 9 Enrichment Week
27.04.18 Year 10 Snowdon Trip

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