



We have managed to get through the Autumn Term and despite many children and staff coming down with the COVID virus and having to isolate, we have tried to keep the disruption to the children to a minimum.

We know that life continues to be challenging, and who knows what 2022 holds. We're keeping everything crossed for no more major disruption.

As I said last year, before we face what awaits us in 2022, I would like to say an enormous

*Well Done* to all the children (and their families) for how they have managed with all the continuous changes we have had to make over the last twelve months. The children have remained positive and cheerful throughout and have continued to work hard whether at home or in the classroom.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say

*Thank You* to all the staff of Jotmans Hall School. They truly are an amazing team. Everyone has continued to play 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 still kept on smiling (most days anyway!).

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; Pyjama Day for Pudsey, Our Santa Run, Christmas Jumper Day and trips to Danbury, the theatre and sports events, to name but a few. It was particularly lovely to welcome parents back in for Acorn Class Crafternoon, the Nativity performance and the Middle School Christmas performance. Thank you so much for attending and putting up with all the checks we had to put you through!

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..... (Second time lucky!)

*Ms. S Warnes*

### E.R.I.C. Awards



*Congratulations*  
to everyone who has  
achieved ERIC awards  
this term.

**We've had:**

**45 Bronze Awards**

**18 Silver Awards**

**11 Gold Awards**

**7 Exceptional Eric**

### Reading Certificates

*Well Done* to all the children that have achieved their Bronze, Silver, Gold & Platinum certificates for reading.



**Maths Certificates**

*Well Done* to all the children that have achieved their Copper, Bronze, Silver, Gold & Platinum certificates for achieving their maths targets.



We look forward to giving out many, many more certificates in 2022.

**News:**

**CHILDREN IN NEED**



We came in our pyjamas to help raise money for Pudsey. We raised a magnificent £280. Thank you to everyone who took part.

We also raised money for The Royal British Legion by selling poppies and other merchandise.



**CHRISTMAS CARDS**



their Christmas card home.

Acorn class enjoyed themselves on a festive walk to the local shop, to buy a stamp and then post



**SANTA RUN**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December we held our second sponsored Santa Run. The children ran laps around the school -all dressed in festive outfits. Once again, 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, and there was a magnificent



array of Christmas Jumpers on show to brighten up the dining hall.



**Upcoming Events**

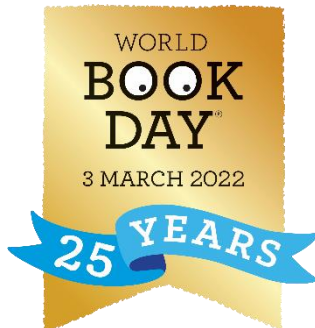
Winter Reading Challenge 2021



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](http://libraries.essex.gov.uk)

### World Book Day 2022



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

### WE'RE STILL 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.

School Dinners



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

*Happy Christmas*



*See you back on*

*Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022*