

Dear Parents/Carers

It is lovely to write to you at the end of another successful (albeit long!) Limehurst term. It's certainly beginning to feel very festive. Our wonderful Winter Showcase last week is being followed by the school canteen's Christmas meal today, and then we'll be having our Christmas assemblies on Thursday – singing voices at the ready! Finally, the students and staff are looking forward to watching *Wonka* at the cinema on Friday – you will receive a separate letter with the details.

There has been much to celebrate this term at Limehurst, beginning with our students' fantastic GCSE results last summer. Their results meant that, for the second year in a row, Limehurst outperforms local and national schools in every headline performance measure. It is little wonder that we receive two applications for every place on offer at Limehurst, and is a hugely merited reward for all of the hard work that we do on a daily basis – to give you a school that you can be proud of. You can learn more about our exam results by going to www.limehurst.org.uk and selecting *School Information* and then *Performance*.

Complementing this letter is a winter newsletter; please do take the time to take a look via our [website](http://www.limehurst.org.uk). You can read about some of the exciting events that have taken place at Limehurst this term.

These achievements are all the more remarkable given the chronic state of school funding in Leicestershire. Did you know that schools in different authorities are funded differently? Schools in Leicester receive £600 per student more than us; in Nottingham the figure is nearer £1,000. Imagine, given our already brilliant results, what we could do for your children with an extra £360,000 - £600,000. As we prepare for a general election in the next 12 months, you may want to ask any prospective MP why Loughborough children are less deserving of proper funding than children in our neighbouring authorities. Furthermore, the [School Cuts](http://www.schoolcuts.org.uk) website is showing that, yet again, we are going to have to do more with less next year.

At the time of writing, despite the copious amounts of rain, the weather has been relatively kind to us so far this winter. However, in the event of severe bad weather, our website will always have the latest information, as will our [X account](#). Do follow us!

Finally, a reminder that we finish at 12.45pm on Friday 22nd December. I wish all staff, students and their families a peaceful and relaxing holiday, and I look forward to seeing you on the first day of term, Tuesday 9th January.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Mellor
Headteacher