

# HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER 2022

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

What an eventful week for one reason or another! I want to firstly thank the staff for all pulling together this week, getting into school and making the site safe in order that we could open. I know that lots of parents were grateful that we were able to do this. A special thank you to Mr Cawfield, who has worked incredibly hard this week clearing snow and gritting the paths. He even gritted the pavements so that we could walk safely to church on Wednesday!

I have experienced my first true St Matthew's Christmas this week. The KS1 Nativity 'It's a Baby!' was fantastic! I was very impressed by how well the children sang and danced! Yesterday morning we were able to go ahead with the Reception Nativity, even though we were missing some children. The way that the children coped with last minute change was amazing! To think that the children have only been in school less than four months and to learn lines, learn songs and remember who said what and when is an absolute credit to both staff and parents. Well done everyone!

The KS2 Carol services on Wednesday at St Matt's Church were truly magical. Inside the church felt a million miles away from the hustle and bustle of life at the moment. I was so moved by the atmosphere created by the choir and the orchestra. Everyone's singing was superb and the rendition of 'Hallelujah' certainly brought a tear or two to my eye! The Y6 children who led the readings brought so much meaning to the story. The whole event was incredibly special and I know that parents and grandparents felt the same! Thank you to Mrs Deacon, Mrs Brierley, Mrs Christmas and Mrs Morton!

## THANK YOU!

Yesterday, we enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner, cooked by Kate and her fantastic team in the kitchen. They have worked incredibly hard all week preparing the food and the amazing array of desserts! Thank you SO much!

As you know, the PTA have been working very hard this term. They have organised the quiz, the cake sales, the discos, the present sale, Father Christmas' visit and the hamper raffle. This has amounted to a whopping £2945! What an amazing achievement! This will mean we are a lot closer to getting a climbing frame in the KS1 playground. Thank you to the brilliant team for all of their hard work. The governors, staff and pupils gratefully appreciate this! THANK YOU!

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thank you for all of the lovely gifts and we will see you in January!

- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**- Bank Holiday
- **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**-INSET day

**TERM 3 BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY.**



**FULFILLING GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL**



This is a quick round up of what has been happening in each year group this week. You can see what the staff have got to say about the pupils across the School.



## School News

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| <b>YR</b> | We really enjoyed playing in the snow! We have been reading the story 'Biscuit Bear' and have been making biscuits and threading teddies. We have loved making Christmas crafts and performing our nativity. It was fantastic!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Y1</b> | Y1 have been using some new skills in Design and Technology this week, They have been following their moon buggy designs carefully to construct models. They have used hand saws to cut the axels and glue guns to stop the wheels falling off.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Y2</b> | What a busy week! From playing in the snow on Monday, to performing not one, but two amazing performances of 'It's a Baby!' Thank you for coming to see us tell the story of Jesus' birth. We also enjoyed our delicious Christmas lunch yesterday. The puddings were delicious and we couldn't choose which one to have!                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Y3</b> | In Y3, we have re-enacted the Viking invasion of Lindisfarne and thought about how differently the monks and Vikings might have recalled the day! We enjoyed taking part in our first St Matthew's KS2 carol service. We have been busy creating Christmas decorations and cards.                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Y4</b> | We have been having a fabulous time making gingerbread men. They looked delicious! We also designed and made colourful boxes to put them in. We were very proud of our recorder playing at the carol services at the church!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Y5</b> | Year 5 have been embracing the Christmas festivities. We have written Christmas short stories, solved Christmas themed Maths and most importantly sang our Year 5 song beautifully for the concerts on Wednesday. We enjoyed using the atlases to see all of the different countries and continents Father Christmas will be visiting. This afternoon, we are making Christmas cards with Mr Tibbits-Williams. We wish Mr Smith a full recovery in time for Christmas. |
| <b>Y6</b> | We started the week playing in the snow on the field. It was fantastic! We also took part in the carol concerts at the church, where the children read the Christmas story and sang beautifully, even performing the alto version of 'Joy to the World.' We have published a book on the 'History of Printing' and completed our illuminated letter zentangles. We finished the week with a Christmas party. What a fantastic week! Merry Christmas to all!            |

### WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL.

**MONDAY 2nd**

**BANK HOLIDAY**

**TUESDAY 3rd**  
**INSET DAY**

**WEDNESDAY 4th**

3TWB

3DB

4VC

4R

6H

6W

**THURSDAY 5th**

3TWB

3DB

Owls

Robins

**FRIDAY 6th**

Ducklings

Goslings

Lorikeets

Kookaburras

**FOREST SCHOOL 5th**  
**4VC**