



Friday 20th December 2024

Dear All,

It is hard to believe that here we are again – the last few days in the run up to Christmas! I think it must be something about getting older that the festive period seems to come around much more quickly each year! It has been a long term in which we have achieved a great deal. We have joined an academy trust, moved into a temporary school, welcomed a fantastic cohort of new Reception children as well as delivered hundreds of lessons and a wide range of other activities. I know that we are all ready for a good break!

School has been incredibly busy and I have really enjoyed seeing lots of you around over the past week or so. A big well done and thank you to all of the children for their efforts with the Reception and Key Stage 1 performance of 'Behind the Stable Door' and the Key Stage 2 Carol Service. The children's singing at the church yesterday certainly helped me to get into the festive mood. Thank you to all staff and parents for your support with these events – there is a lot that goes on behind the scenes and they simply wouldn't happen without your input. Thank you also to the PTA who have been supporting us through organising the Christmas raffle and with the recent movie night. I hope that all of the children enjoyed their theatre and pantomime trips earlier this week – there was certainly a lot of excitement and positivity when the children have told me about them. Again, a big thank you to the PTA for funding both events!

There is certainly a Christmassy feel in the air today at school as the children are taking part in different party activities throughout the day. I am looking forward to all of us getting together for some carols in the hall towards the end of the day. I have my fingers crossed that we may also have a special visitor who will be popping in to see the children! We shall see!

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas. A huge thank you for all of the cards and gifts that have been sent into school over the past few days – it is very kind of you and much appreciated. I hope that you are all able to spend some time with family and friends over the next couple of weeks and take some time to relax, rest and recharge. Similarly, I hope that 2025 brings you, your family and our school community lots of happiness and opportunities – there is lots for us to be looking forward to. I am looking forward to seeing all of the children back in school on **Monday 6th January!**

Merry Christmas one and all!

Paul Allen

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