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NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS & CARERS: 15th DECEMBER 2023







Dear Parents/Carers,

Our last newsletter for 2023! We have had a wonderful few weeks of Christmas shows, Christmas parties and a Year 5/6 visit to Park View School to watch a Christmas movie. This is in addition to lots of hard work, including end of term assessments. A number of classes have also been making Christmas cards (see examples above).

We have some lovely things planned for the last two days next week and then the children (and staff!) can enjoy a well- deserved rest over the Christmas holidays.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and all the best for 2024.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Lavelle, Headteacher

Farewell to Mrs Fisher

One of our Teaching Assistants Mrs Fisher, who supports pupils with SEND across the school, will leave us at the end of this term. She is moving on to a new role in January as an Enhanced Teaching Assistant at a County Durham special school. Mrs Fisher has worked with us since 2011, starting with a Teaching Assistant student placement initially at the Infant school and then becoming a permanent staff member. We will be very sad to see Mrs Fisher leave us but wish her all the very best as she moves into a new stage of her career. We will say goodbye to her in our end of year Assembly on Tuesday.



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Christmas Shows



These were fabulous as usual and we had the added bonus this year of a separate Christmas show for Nursery children which was such a success we will continue in future years!

Thank you to all parents/carers and family members who joined us for these shows. We are very proud of all of the children; their enthusiasm and enjoyment when singing and performing is always so lovely to see. A big thank you also to our brilliant staff team for all their hard work with organisation, rehearsals, and costumes.

School Choir



As you will have seen on Class Dojo, our KS2 choir are bringing festive cheer to venues within our area. Their performance at the Community Centre was excellent earlier this week and today they sang at Chester View for the residents there. This was such a special event and both staff members and residents were full of praise for them all. They should be very proud of themselves for making such a positive contribution to their local community.





Christmas Cards for Local Hospitals





Year 5 and Year 6 made some lovely Christmas cards for hospitals within our local area. These will be given out to patients who are in hospital on Christmas Day.

Salvation Army Toy Appeal

A big thank you to anyone who was able to contribute to this appeal. As always we had a lovely selection of toys to give to the Salvation Army who will distribute to families in need within our local area.

Dates for the Diary

 4^{th} January 2024: Back to School (Wednesday 3^{rd} January is a Teacher Training Day)

16th February: Miss Allen's Class Assembly at 9.10am and Mrs Baum's Class Assembly at 2.30pm

16th February: End of Half Term

26th February: Back to school



