



# Merry Christmas

And just like that we have completed the first term of the academic year! We have had a fantastic first term and the children have experienced so much and created some wonderful memories!

Thank you for joining in and supporting us to celebrate the festive season. We were thrilled to see the hall full to the brim for all the performances the children have done.

A big thank you to all our wonderful staff for their hard work and commitment over the Autumn term.

Enjoy the break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Class	Good Work	Class	Good Work
Palm Tree	Maxwell – Lovely writing in a letter to Santa.	4D	Chloe – For improved effort and hard work in maths.
Willow Tree	Jackson – Super writing about the elf.	4DB	Harvey – For a fantastic observational drawing.
1M	All of 1M for being exceptional stars in our Xmas performance.	4M	Leo – Developing confidence in his maths.
2A	Rupert – For coming to school with a huge smile on his face.	5E	Tiger - Improved attitude to school life and a fantastic effort in reading.
2H	All of 2H for excellent performances of our nativity.	5M	Demi-Leigh – Excellent use of personification to create imagery.
2W	All of 2W for a fantastic set of Christmas performances.	6F	Samira – A brilliant newspaper report using formal vocabulary.
3B	Alaina – A fantastic story using lots of language features.	6G	Balint – Always working hard, being kind, caring and wonderful.
3P	Isaac – Working hard to improve speed and accuracy of his 3, 4 and 8 times tables.		

## Christingle

On Wednesday we held our annual Christingle service at St Michael's church. Thank you so much to everyone who braved the horrible weather to attend, it was a lovely service, the choir sang beautifully and the Year 6 children spoke clearly and confidently.



## MUFC

On Tuesday one child from each year group got picked to attend the Manchester United Christmas party. They had a great time, they played party games, had a lovely lunch and all got a goodie bag to bring home.



## Performances

We finished off our fortnight of Christmas performances this week.

On Thursday, Key Stage 2 entertained us with their repertoire of Carols and Christmas Hits including classics such as, The First Noel and favourites including Bob Dylan's 'Must Be Santa' and Stevie Wonder's 'That's What Christmas Means To Me'. On Friday we were treated to a 'Christmas Music and Dance Showcase'. Year 3 performed fantastically on their Tin Whistles, Year 5 sang and played the ukuleles brilliantly and Year 6 became a rockin' Rock Band! The Irish Band also performed some festive tunes including 'In Dulce Jubilo' and the Irish Dancers were fantastic!



## Dates for your diaries



Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Back to school

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January – Year 2 Forest School, more information to follow in the new year

### Attendance

Our weekly attendance this week is 92.3%.

The top class this week was 5M with 96.8%.

The year to date attendance is 94.9%.

We have not had a good start with attendance this academic year. We are hoping to see a significant improvement in the new term. Can we please ask that there is a clear focus on attendance so we can achieve our attendance targets. We have not had a class reach 100% attendance since the week beginning 21/10/2019, I wonder which class will be first to hit this target in the New Year?

### Thank You

We raised an amazing £2001 at the Christmas Fayre. This is a fantastic amount of money which will be used for things in school which will directly benefit the children. Thank you so much for your support and kind donations.

*Thank you!*

Thank you also for the generous food and drink donations you have sent in this week for the children's parties, they were very much appreciated and helped ensure the children had a fantastic party day!

### Chosen Charity

We will soon be announcing news regarding our chosen charity to support, we are working closely with Ruby, our Pupil Leadership Charity Ambassador on this.

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### School Uniform

Over the last half term, a number of children have been coming to school not in full uniform and wearing trainers. Can I remind you that children should be wearing black shoes. Tracksuit bottoms and tops are not school uniform. We look forward to everyone looking smart in the New Year.

### P.E. Kits

Now the colder weather has arrived please ensure your children have appropriate clothing for outdoor P.E, such as tracksuit pants and a jumper/jacket. These can be left in their lockers throughout the year.

### Reporting Absence

If your child is going to be absent please inform the school on the first day of absence. You can leave a message on the school answer phone or with the office staff on 945 1965 or you can send a text message to the school mobile the number is: 07599954928 or you can fill in the absence reporting section on Parent App. If we do not receive communication regarding a child's absence it will be recorded in the register as an unauthorised absence. 5 unauthorised register marks can result in a penalty notice being issued by the local authority.

### Need Support?...some useful numbers

Women's Domestic Violence - 0161 636 7525  
Men's Domestic Violence Helpline - 0808 80100327, NSPCC 24 hour free phone service - 0800 800 500, Childline - 0800 1111  
**Police (if not urgent) 101    Women's aid 0161 660 7999**

### Safeguarding Children

Every week we put on our newsletter the number for Social Services: 0161 234 5001. If you are ever concerned about any child please report it to Mrs Jones.

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