

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are in the penultimate week of the term, although you don't need me to tell you that. Our children are reminding us daily about how many sleeps / get ups there are until Santa arrives...

There has been lots of fun this week as children undertake various Christmas activities. Y6 went to The Old Rep on Monday to watch a contemporary version of Peter Pan, the children were quite clear – it wasn't a fairy tale but it was thought provoking. Y5 also enjoyed their visit to Pool Hayes Academy to enjoy the show Annie, which was fantastic.

Y2 had two wonderful visits to Short Heath Methodist Church to learn more about Christmas. The children were absolutely wonderful in their behaviour and manners.

It has also been wonderful to see so many parents in school enjoying a Christmas lunch with their child, we hope you both enjoyed the experience. Our catering team, led by Mrs Mason, have been phenomenal in providing so many hot dinners for our children and parents. Thank you to our incredible team!

Christmas performances are next week for Reception and Nursery, Y1 and Y2. The children can't wait to share their talents with you and remind us all why Christmas is such a special time.

This will be the last newsletter of the term because we break up next Thursday at normal finishing time for the Christmas holidays. Thursday will be partly school uniform with a Christmas jumper. We always have a lot of fun on the last day with a whole school Christmas Karaoke when the children and staff have access to microphones – wear your raincoat on this day!!!

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December is a Teacher Training Day but don't be surprised if you bump into a member of staff at the shops on that day. We undertake numerous staff training sessions during the course of an academic year that run later into the evening. This time is accrued and gained back for Christmas shopping!

We wish Mrs Lowbridge an absolutely fantastic retirement (although we hope she comes back to visit), and we wish all our families a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Looking forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Mrs Newton and all the Woodlands family.

### **Christmas Performances**

**Tuesday 17th December**

9:15 EYFS, 2:00 Y1 and Y2

**Wednesday 18th December**

9:15 Y1 and Y2, 2:00 EYFS