



Friday 18th December 2020

Dear All,

We have finally managed to make it to the end of term. This has certainly been the longest and most challenging term of my teaching career. We have had to adapt and change continuously and it has been a very steep learning curve as we have taken on new and ever-changing government guidance.

However, amidst all of the challenges there have also been some real highlights. The children have been brilliant. They have adapted to all of the new procedures quickly and are settled and happy in this new version of school. Staff have been flexible and adaptable, ready to take on extra duties or new routines at the drop of a hat and offering support which I know I would have been lost without. And you, as parents and carers, have been incredibly supportive and have taken on all of the new guidance quickly to help us keep everyone safe. The children have made some excellent progress and have enjoyed many exciting learning experiences, in spite of the circumstances we have been working in.

As we move into 2021 then, we look forward with hope. Hope that there will be a vaccine and that restrictions will be eased and that we will be able to enjoy the freedom which we were used to before. Hope for the future is such an important message at this time of year. This Christmas might be different to any we have celebrated before but I hope you will find time to relax, rest and have fun together. Please stay safe and take care of yourselves and we will see you all back on Tuesday January 5th.

Happy Christmas!

Mrs L Watts, Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Little Brown Hare Last week we had a lovely Christmas dinner, many thanks to Emma and Jo for organising. We have also been making reindeer and playing musical reindeer statues. The children have enjoyed learning some new songs to sing to Father Christmas when he visits. Some children have taken home a stick to transform into their very own stick person over the Christmas break, we look forward to hearing all about your adventures when you return in January. Happy Christmas to all from Sas, Julie, Jenni and Grace.

Blackbirds: In Blackbirds, we have spent this final week busy making and writing Christmas cards for our families. In maths, we have had fun counting to 100, exploring big numbers and playing 100 square games. All the poems and paintings from our colour project are now finished and can be seen on display in the church. Please do come along and enjoy them at some point over the Christmas holidays. The children have worked hard all term and have produced some beautiful work.

Wagtails: Sadly, Mr Kimpton has been poorly and unable to be in school this week. However, the children have been able to enjoy lots of festive activities including riddle writing, making Christmas cards, writing Christmas poems and some fantastic Christmas coordinate work in Year 4. The children also enjoyed watching the online pantomime and dancing along to the songs and music.

Skylarks: Skylarks have been busy making Christmas cards, crackers and advent calendars. The children enjoyed learning about how jokes are constructed for the crackers...*Knock, knock... Who's there? Owen...Owen who? Oh when will you let me in?!* They have also been learning about Christmas around the world and how traditions began. They all had a super Christmas party with lots of fun for everyone and a virtual Panto! (*It's behind you!*) Who said the pandemic has to stop us from having fun!



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Thank you! To the Friends of Erpingham Primary School, especially Karen, Genna and Barbara, for organising our visit from Father Christmas yesterday. The children really enjoyed singing some Christmas songs on the field and were very excited to see Father Christmas arriving on his tractor! They loved their Christmas gifts – thank you!



Don't forget to check out our recorded Christmas production. Follow the link below and feel free to share with friends and relatives.

https://youtu.be/NMxOKb_dw7g



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