



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Dear All,

Whilst Christmas comes at the end of a long and exhausting term, it is also one of the most exciting times in school and I have been very sad to miss out on the various events over the last two weeks. I know from the reports I have heard and the photos I have seen that everything has gone incredibly well and, whilst we have had to adapt our plans once again, Christmas has been celebrated in style once more. I must say a big thank you to all the staff across the federation, especially Mrs Sacre, for keeping everything running smoothly and for their adaptability and willingness to lend a helping hand when they are also feeling tired and ready for a holiday. We are lucky to have such a strong staff team and I am very grateful for their support this term.

Thanks also go to all of the parents who have joined in our Christmas celebrations and who visited the exhibition last week. This was an amazing opportunity for the children to showcase their work and it was lovely to hear how confidently they shared their work with those who came. We look forward to more events like this next year.

All that remains now is for me to wish you a happy and healthy Christmas and a relaxing break. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all again soon as we start our new term together.

Happy Christmas!

Mrs L Watts – Executive Headteacher

### **This week in class...**

**Pre-school:** Preschool have been busy getting ready for Christmas. The glitter and glue are out as are the Christmas stories. One new one this year is Can You Find Santa's Pants? After hearing the story a few times, the children had great fun hunting the room to find our own Santa's Pants! The season is providing some lovely conversation starters and the children have been telling us about their decorations and what they want for Christmas. We all enjoyed our Christmas Lunch together in preschool last Thursday and had lots of fun at our party this week.

**Acorn:** Acorn class really enjoyed being part of the art exhibition and showing off their hard work. The children have been singing festive songs in the run up to Christmas and learning about why Christians celebrate Christmas. Despite not having a Nativity, the children have had lots of fun dressing up in the costumes in the classroom and acting out the story.

**Oak:** Oak Class were pleased and proud to present their artwork to parents at the exhibition on personal identity. They have worked so hard over the term and built up a really good collection of work whilst developing their resilience for learning. We have selected some examples of their artwork to decorate the school corridors but will be sending the rest home over next week. Over the final week of term, the children have enjoyed further enrichment opportunities as part of their reward for working together as a team to fill their token jar. Activities have included making marshmallow snowmen, gingerbread, snowman cupcakes, woollen wreath making, balloon art, reindeer making and a further range of arts and crafts. Have a Merry Christmas and Miss Dinn looks forward to seeing you again in the New Year.



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## Dates for your diary

**Acorn Forest School** – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January

**Y5/6 Forest School** – Fridays 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of January and 4<sup>th</sup> February

**Y3/4 Forest School** – Fridays 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of January and 11<sup>th</sup> February

**Virtual Transport Museum Workshop (Acorn)** – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January

**Acorn reading café** - date to be confirmed

**End of term** – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February

**Goodbye Mrs Harty** This week we have to say goodbye to Mrs Harty as she leaves us to take up a new position as an SEN teacher. We will miss her very much but know she will be great in her new role. Good luck!

**OPAL playgrounds project** As part of our ongoing work to develop our playtimes, we are looking for donations of small world toys specifically: model dinosaurs, cars and vehicles, animals, duplo figures, or anything we might use for a fairy garden. If you are having Christmas clear out, we would be very grateful for any donations!



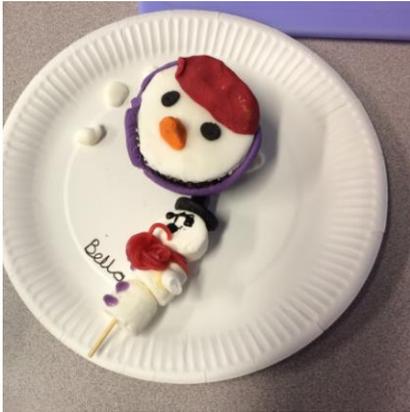


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