



In what has been another busy term, we have managed to finish the year celebrating Christmas in many different ways. In the last couple of weeks of term we have put on two outdoor nativity events for parents to see their children perform, alongside creating recordings of both of these, as well as holding Carols by Candlelight, which saw so many families come together to sing carols on the playground. All the children also enjoyed Christmas dinner together and watched online performances from the theatre group that would have visited us.

Whilst there were some cancellations required due to the current situation, the school community has pulled together to ensure the children have had as memorable a festive experience as possible. Many thanks to the staff who have all contributed to making these events such a success, to the children for their usual high standards of engagement and behaviour and to you parents for your understanding and ongoing support.

We wish you and your families a peaceful, relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and look forward to welcoming all the children back in school on Thursday 6th January.

### **Mr Turull**

We've made it! What a fantastic, fun-filled term we've had. Thank you to everyone that braved the rain to come and sing carols by our Christmas tree on Monday. It was really atmospheric and I think you'll all agree that Chloe started the event off beautifully with her singing of the opening verse of Once in Royal David's City. A big thank you as well to Milo, Tom, Arthur, Lottie, Connie and Juno who decided to hold a cake sale for their chosen charities. The children organised everything totally by themselves from advertising, baking, setting up and selling.

The girls have managed to raise £61.50 for Blue Cross and the boys raised £50 for Julian Trust.



I had the pleasure of hosting the 'Always' Tea Party with Lorraine on Tuesday where we made reindeer food, toasted marshmallows, drank hot chocolate and had my memory sorely tested as we played a game of Festive 'I went to the shops and bought...' A fun and muddy afternoon was had by all!





Everyone looked very festive again in their Christmas jumpers as they tucked into a delicious Christmas lunch served by their teachers. Thank you to everyone who donated crackers to make the lunch even more special.



All that is left for me to say is to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Mrs Cowgill

### **Notices**

- **COVID-19** - Please can you keep us informed of any positive Covid tests in your families over the Christmas period.
- **Dinner Menu Choices** - Please remember to book by Thursday for the following week. Unfortunately, options can no longer be changed after this day.
- **Forest School** - next term Maple Class will be taking part in forest school on a Monday afternoon. Don't forget to bring forest school clothes and wellies.

### **Diary Dates**

|                        |                                       |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 4th January    | INSET                                 |
| Wednesday 5th January  | INSET                                 |
| Thursday 6th January   | First day back                        |
| Thursday 13th January  | Multi-sports Club starts              |
| Monday 17th January    | Year 6 Height and Weight Measurements |
| Tuesday 18th January   | Local Governing Body Meeting          |
| Wednesday 26th January | Flu Inoculations                      |





**Photos from this week**



Connie and Freddie received their medals this week for the BANES playground pentathlon competition. A gold for Connie and bronze for Freddie. The highest individual scores from all the schools who took part, well done!

Headteachers' awards in Key Stage 2 went to Freddie (Rowan), Rocco (Sycamore) and James L (Oak).

Doodlemaths winners were Reuben (Rowan), Connie (Sycamore) and Riley (Oak). Well done to all of them.



Milo, Lottie and Juno busy baking for the fantastic cake sale! £111.50 in total was raised for the chosen charities, what a great achievement by all the children who were involved.



Oak class took part in tree planting with the Parish council in the local park. We look forward to watching the trees grow.



On the left, Maple Class are saying a huge thank you for their books!

On the right, Doodle Maths certificates for Pippa (Cherry) and Rosa (Willow). Joshua got this award in Maple. Headteachers' awards go to Ellis (Cherry), Joseph (Maple) and Orla (Willow)

Esther is also showing her Brownie badges.

