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## Headteacher's Message

Good afternoon

Hopefully over the last couple of weeks you have had opportunity to enjoy a festive activity with us; we fully appreciate that this is not possible for everyone. The grandparents' Christmas craft morning on Monday was absolutely fabulous, with well over 100 grandparents joining us for each session. Thank you for the positive feedback we have received – with a definite theme of encouragement to repeat this event next year!

I must also give a special mention in relation to the carol services on Tuesday and Wednesday. These were simply beautiful, helped of course by the wonderful acoustics and charm of St Mary's Church.

It is a privilege to serve the amazing children of Ralph Butterfield Primary School and all of the staff, including myself, would like to thank you for your ongoing support. I would also like to say an end of term thank you to our staff and governors for their hard work and commitment in ensuring every child has access to the best possible provision. Do consider the vacancy we have on our governing board for a parent/carer governor – you will have received all of the details on Monday of this week and the closing date for nominations is 9:00am on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Just a reminder also, that on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024, at 2:15pm, in our school hall, PACE will be delivering an online awareness session for parents/carers about the online dangers (not all are obvious) that children need protecting from. I am sure you would agree that the online world changes rapidly and we all have a collective duty of care to the children to remain up to date with the best ways to keep them safe online. We are hoping to see as many parents/carers as possible for the session. (PACE (Parents Against Child Exploitation) is a national charity working to keep children safe from exploitation).

I hope that everyone is able to enjoy the festive season in the ways that bring you most joy. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Best wishes

Liz Clark



## Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

This week has been full of Christmas learning and fun! The children have enjoyed making many different Christmas crafts including decorations using increasing cutting and design skills. We have also enjoyed our Christmas party, playing traditional party games and even enjoying a visit from Father Christmas.



The children have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming the Christmas tricky word elves who also invited many of their friends to join them this week. They have now said goodbye and are making their way back to the North Pole and our tricky words knowledge is now even better than before!

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.



Thank you for your support during the autumn term.

**Mrs Robinson, Mrs Daniel, Mrs Greenwood and the Reception team**

## Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! We have reached the end of a very long, very busy and very exciting term in Key Stage 1. Our children have been positive and hard-working so far this year and it shows in the progress they have made. This week, we have been thinking a little bit more about Christianity and what Christians believe. This included looking at some stories from the Bible and how they show Christian ideas about what God is like and how he looks after people. We have also been doing lots of great artwork! We used sketching techniques to draw snowmen and elves and we also sketched trees before decorating them. The results were amazing and the children took such care over them.



As well as that, we all thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas party. It was great fun to dance and play games together. We are sure you are going to have a lot more fun over the break too. We would like to say well done to our fabulous children for all of their hard work and to wish everyone all the best for the holidays. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school in the New Year!

**Miss Griffiths, Mr Merrall, Mrs Reeves and Mrs Atkinson**

## Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

This week has been a wonderfully festive week in Lower Key Stage Two. The children have participated in numerous festive activities across the week. In addition to the grandparent's craft morning that took place on Monday, the children have enjoyed playing various games during their Christmas party, have had the pleasure of watching the choir perform and have beautifully sang Christmas carols in school and at church.



Thank you to all Year 3 and Year 4 children for a wonderful term and to all parent/ carers for your continued support.

**We hope that you have a wonderful holiday and enjoy the festivities.**

**Mr Daniel, Miss Hodgson, and Miss Clapham**

## Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

We have all really enjoyed our 'All Change' topic linked to the Industrial Revolution. The children have finished the topic off by completing a summary task recalling all that they have learnt across history, geography and their English work related to Fagin and Oliver Twist.

After all our hard work this autumn term, we all enjoyed having the opportunity to relax and spend time with friends across both year groups during our Christmas party.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a relaxing holiday. Thank you for all your cards, gifts, kind messages and support throughout the term.

**Mr Bennett, Mrs Fitzpatrick, Mrs Stephenson and Mr Tod**

*Merry Christmas*