

Merry Christmas Everyone

This will be our last newsletter of 2017. The year has raced by but with some amazing achievements from the staff and children here. The support we receive from our families (both for your children and the staff) really does have a direct impact on the success and happiness of our school.

Children's learning has gone from strength to strength and we are seeing more and more children develop their independence and expertise in both social and academic learning. The voice of the children is playing a bigger role in our school than ever before and this is leading to some very exciting results and approaches.

Next week of course will be packed full of Christmas fun but the children will still be learning up to the last day. I have seen exciting crafts, drama and dance lessons over the last few days. I have also been really impressed by the children's interest and commitment to the social and moral aspects of this time of year. Yes of course children are excited by gifts and toys but I have listened to many of our children talk about how fortunate they are and how Christmas must be for those lonely or less fortunate than themselves.

A very Merry Christmas to you all, thank you for your continued support and we hope you all have a wonderful holiday together.

Matt Rawling - Headteacher



Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre is being held on **Thursday, 14th December**. Following the positive feedback from children and parents last year, we will repeat the format used last year. Each class will set up a stall with homemade gifts and games for fun. The children have all taken a role in creating their stall and we see the children get another good learning experience and pride in their class contribution.

The infant choir, School Ukulele and Christmas choir will both be performing as the doors open as soon as we can get the classrooms cleared and the staff back into the school hall, as close to 3.00pm as possible and of course our star of the show will be there to see children. It will be great to see you and share in some end of term festive fun.

End of Term

Please remember that term 2 will end on **Friday, 15th December 2017**. Monday, 18th December, Tuesday, 19th December and Wednesday, 20th December are INSET Days and the school will be closed.

Terms 2 & 3 dates for your diary:

Year 2 Nativity – Tuesday, 12th December 2017 at 2pm and
Wednesday, 13th December 2017 at 5pm
Christmas Dinner – Wednesday, 13th December 2017
Classroom Open Afternoon – Thurs, 14th Dec 2017 at 2.30pm
Interim reports – Friday, 15th December 2017
Term 2 Ends – Friday, 15th December 2017
INSET Days – Monday, 18th December to Wednesday, 20th
December 2017

Term 3 Starts – Thursday, 4th January 2018
Parent Focus Group – Friday, 12th January 2018
Parents' Evening 2 – Thursday, 8th February 2018
Term 3 Ends – Friday, 9th February 2018

Assembly dates for your diary:

Christmas Assembly – Friday, 15th December 2017
No Class Assembly – Friday, 5th January 2018
Bengal Tigers Assembly – Friday, 12th January 2018
Gorillas Assembly – Friday, 19th January 2018
Hammerhead Sharks Assembly – Friday, 26th January 2018
Sea Turtles Assembly – Friday, 2nd February 2018
Galapagos Penguins Assembly – Friday, 9th February 2018