



Meole Brace
C of E Primary School
and Nursery



Community



Respect



Perseverance

Headteacher Newsletter – December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of another busy and productive term is upon us, giving us a chance to reflect on the past calendar year and the recent events in school while looking forward to another exciting year ahead.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who turned out to support us at this year's Christmas Fayre; it was another great success with a wide variety of stalls and refreshments and a magical grotto! It was lovely to see so many families there to enjoy the event and huge thanks go to The Friends for organising it all so well. Without this dedicated team of parents/carers, events like this just would not happen and as well as raising vital funds for the school, these events are a big part of what makes our school community so special. If you feel that you would like to get involved in any way, it would be very much appreciated so please do get in touch. Thank you also to the staff who ran stalls at the Fayre and gave up time to plan and organise these.

Christmas Productions

Over the past few weeks we have been treated to five different Christmas productions with Upper and Lower Key Stage 2, Key Stage 1 and Reception all taking turns to tell the Christmas story before our Nursery children performed a variety of festive songs. These productions are always so special, and this year has been no exception with the children's acting, dancing and singing a real joy to behold. Well done to all involved.

Christmas Lunch

On Tuesday this week we held our annual Christmas lunch and class Christmas parties in the afternoon. The children seemed to have a great time enjoy the festivities and wearing the amazing Christmas jumpers, sparkles and accessories!

Visiting Pantomime

The Christmas events and the Autumn term are rounded out on the final day of term with a visit from the West Midlands Children's Theatre Company, who will be performing Sinbad the Sailor to each of the children from Reception to Year 6.

Thank you

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the staff for their hard-work, dedication and commitment to providing the absolute best for the children and we say a fond farewell to Mrs Abbie Tilley, one of our dedicated Teaching Assistants, who is moving on to an exciting new role – we wish her all the very best. Thank you also to the Governors and to you the parents/carers for all your support throughout 2023.

Please see overleaf for the term dates for the rest of this academic year and for the academic year 2024/2025 and may I wish you all a very peaceful and merry Christmas. I look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year and to welcoming the children back into school on Thursday 4th January 2024.

Yours sincerely,

H. W. Bray

Mr. Henry Bray
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 3rd January
Thursday 4th January

PD Day – School closed to all children
Children return to school

Term Dates 2023/2024

| September 2023 | | | | | | |
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| Autumn 2nd Half | 33 | days |
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| Spring 2nd Half | 25 | days |
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