

Headteacher's Message 17.12.21

Well, some how or other we have made it to the end of term, and what a term it has been. There have been so many highlights, with children coming to school with huge smiles on their faces, ready to learn and play together. There have been some wonderful moments and events from visiting seals and statues, learning to swim and to cook, representing the school at running and football, loving Forest Schools and trips to the cinema and the theatre. We had two very successful residential trips with Year 6 in Derbyshire and Year 5 at Flatford Mill, wonderful experiences that the children made the absolute most of. We welcomed new children in our Nursery and in to Reception for their first term in school 'proper'. The term has ended on a very festive note, with singing and partying across the school.

We want to say a massive well done to all the children and their families for making it such a successful term. Greeting everyone on the gate in the mornings, with so many people arriving with smiles and kind remarks, makes us so proud of our school community. We also want to say a massive thank you to the whole staff team who have done such a great job to keep every day exciting as well as spending time planning additional activities. We all know we are still not living in 'normal' times but school has felt very happily 'normal' for so much of the time.

As we reach the end of term, it feels as if some of the anxieties and pressures of the last 18 months are creeping back up on us. Case rates in and around school have been low but some of our families and staff have still faced some really difficult circumstances due to the pandemic. Again, we want to say thank you to everyone who has helped keep us all safe and send our love to those who are still facing these challenges.

So, the holiday is here! We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for all the good wishes, cards and gifts you have sent in for staff – it really is very kind and much appreciated. We are already looking forward to seeing everyone back at school on 6th January; we will be keeping a close eye on any changes to guidance as the start of term draws near and making sure you are aware if need be.

Take care. Have fun. Enjoy your time together.

Keep looking after each other and yourselves.

Sarah Shirras and Vicky Buxton