



Dear Families and Friends

What a busy term it has been! As we close today for the Christmas holidays and with only 3 shopping days to go before Christmas day (Aaggggh!), I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and extend our best wishes to you for the New Year 2013.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all of the children and staff who worked hard to bring us some fine performances during the lead up to this festive season. I hope everyone enjoyed 'The Bossy King', 'The Innkeeper's Breakfast' and the Christmas concerts which took place this week. From the feedback we received, it is clear that those parents who joined us at The Monastery, Manchester, for the Christie Christmas Concert had a lovely time. I was not only proud of the children's singing on this occasion but also of their overall 'presentation' and the way in which they took the whole event seriously to offer the paying audience a 'professional' performance in such an amazing venue. Ticket sales and additional donations from this school were in excess of £1,100. We received a very nice letter from the Chief Executive and Chairman of The Christie to thank the school for its involvement in this event. Well done to everyone who took part. We are only sorry that we had access to so few tickets in the end and could not offer tickets to all of our families and friends.



Ian Beard
Headteacher



KEY DATES for your DIARY

Monday 7th January 2013

School opens for the spring term

Wednesday 9th January 2013

All Years 3-6 children to see Arabian Nights (The Lowry)

Dates for class assemblies and other events taking place during the spring term will be issued when we return after the Christmas holidays.

PARKING on BAZLEY ROAD and LINGARD ROAD

I know it is the end of term and that another reminder will be needed in the new year but I want to remind all parents that they should not park on the yellow markings outside school for any length of time between 8am and 5.30pm. **Nor should parents use the school car park at any time.** This is for safety reasons. It is particularly dangerous when parents drive into the school car park at the beginning of the day and after school. This applies especially to parents picking up children from our after-school club. Please co-operate with staff when asked to park elsewhere. Thank you for your co-operation.

We have today witnessed a car being towed away from the junction of Bazley Road and Lingard Road for parking in front of the tactile paving (bumped surface) which is used by people who are blind or partially sighted. Although there are no yellow lines at this point, parents are reminded that it is an offence to park here and that their car will (as has been proven today) be removed by the City Council. The same applies to the yellow road markings in front of the school.

HALLE FOR YOUTH

We are delighted to let you know this school has been chosen to take part in this year's Hallé for Youth concerts which take place in March. During the spring term, our Year 5 class will work with musicians from the famous Hallé Orchestra and the Northern Ballet School to put together a piece of music and a dance which will be performed in front of parents and then hundreds of other school children at a day-time concert in March. The theme of the concert is music inspired by the journey of the famous train, the Orient Express. Only four schools are chosen every year to take part in these concerts so we are very pleased to have been asked to take part.

ATTENDANCE

The overall school attendance so far this term is as follows:

Week 9	05/11 – 09/11	98.1%	On Target
Week 10	12/11 – 16/11	96.8%	Below Target
Week 11	19/11 – 23/11	97.7%	On Target
Week 12	26/11 – 30/11	97.2%	On Target
Week 13	03/12 – 07/12	94.2%	Below Target
Week 14	10/12 – 14/12	95.6%	Below Target
Week 15	17/12 – 21/12	92.8%	Below Target
TO DATE		96.9%	Below Target (Slightly!)

During the Spring Term, we will once again be running our 100% attendance scheme and offering prizes to those children who achieve 100% attendance during the whole of the spring term.

Term dates for 2013-2014 will be available shortly after the Christmas holidays.