



Dear Families and Friends

As we approach the Christmas holidays, I want to acknowledge the hard work of pupils and staff in bringing to the stage six fine performances of Christmas plays and concerts during the last two weeks. This year, I was able to appreciate the Christmas concerts as an audience member and want to say how very much I enjoyed listening to the children's voices and the contrasting moments of joy and peaceful reflection brought to us through a varied programme of songs, readings and poetry. I hope you enjoyed the performances of *The Bossy King (Early Years)*, *It's a Party (Key Stage 1)* and the Christmas concerts as much I did. Very well done, everyone.

STAFF CHANGES

I would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" and "farewell" to Miss Chapman, our Year 3 teacher, who leaves us on Friday of this week to move on to new things in the new year, including an involvement with Manchester Cancer. Miss Chapman has been with us for nearly 8 years during which time she has taught Year 4 and Year 3, had responsibility for science, and design and technology in school and has contributed to concerts, singing in the community and residential visits. We wish her well for the future. In January, we welcome our new Year 3 teacher, Mrs Matthews, who will be with us for the remainder of the academic year.

Mrs Sharma (Year 1) will also be leaving us on Friday. We are grateful to Mrs Sharma for her time spent with Year 1 since September during Mrs Howell's absence. We are hoping that Mrs Howell will be returning to school in the new year. In the meantime, Miss Hammond, who has taught the children for a day or two this term, will be joining us to teach Year 1 on a flexible basis in January.

It just remains for me to say thank you to everyone for their hard work and support this term and, on behalf of everyone at school, to wish you all a very Happy Christmas. We will see you back in school in the new year on Tuesday 5th January 2016.

Best wishes

Ian Beard
Headteacher





KEY DATES for your DIARY

Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Jumper / Clothes Day (£1 for Text Santa)
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 18 th December	Christmas Parties
Friday 18 th December	School closes for the Christmas Holidays

and in the NEW YEAR ... (until February Half-Term)

Monday 4 th January 2016	School Closed for Staff Training
Tuesday 5 th January	School opens for the Spring Term 2016
Wednesday 6 th January	Lowry Theatre Visit : Mr Popper's Penguins (Nursery, Rec, Y1)
Thursday 7 th January	Lowry Theatre Visit : Hetty Feather (Y5 and Y6)
Friday 8 th January	Lowry Theatre Visit : Mr Popper's Penguins (Y2, Y3, Y4)
Tuesday 12 th January	Year 5 Class Visit : Longley Lane Recycling Centre
Tuesday 12 th January	Year 2 Class Visit : Staircase House, Stockport
Friday 15 th January	St John's Ambulance First-Aid Workshops (Y4 and Y5)
Monday 18 th January	Year 3 Greeks Workshop (in school)
Friday 22 nd January	Year 4 Class Visit : Manchester Museum (Ancient Egypt)
Friday 29th January	Class Assembly / Presentation : Year 4
Monday 1 st February	Year 6 Class Visit : Stockport Air Raid Shelters
Monday 8 th February	Year 6 Class Visit : Wythenshawe Hospital (IMPS Workshop)
Tuesday 9 th February	Year 2 Class Visit : Cheadle Mosque
Friday 12th February	Class Assembly / Presentation : Year 2
Friday 12 th February	School closes for the Half-Term Holiday

CHRISTMAS CLOTHES DAY / CHRISTMAS PARTY CLOTHES

Don't forget that tomorrow (Thursday) we are inviting children to come to school in a Christmas jumper or Christmas clothes in aid of ITV's Text Santa Christmas appeal; all children who do so should bring a £1 donation to be given to their child's class teacher (or direct to the school office). On Friday, for Christmas parties, children may come to school in their party clothes (not sportswear) or in school uniform to change into party clothes later in the day.



BELONGINGS – PLEASE TAKE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Please make sure that your child takes everything home with them on Friday for the Christmas holidays – coats, bags, PE kits, water bottles, scooters and bicycles. Thank you.