



Friday 16th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have continued with Christmas festivities in school. On Tuesday Wrens and Kingfishers performed 'We're going on a Baby Hunt' on stage in the hall and I when I watched their dress rehearsal that morning I was blown away by the way they embraced the opportunity to perform to an audience. Some of the children are only 3 yrs old but remembered words and actions and certainly put a smile on all of our faces. Mrs Mallinson said that the same was true when they performed to parents later in the day. A huge thank you to Ms Dyet, Mrs Alexander, Mrs Couling, Ms Denley and Ms Francis-Nye for coordinating such a lovely show.

On Wednesday we enjoyed our first Christmas dinner in the school hall for three years, while Early Years enjoyed their first Christmas dinner in the Burrow. With crackers and crowns and much festive spirit amongst us, everyone enjoyed this very special lunch and I have to say the majority of plates were absolutely clean, and some even had seconds!

Due to the cold and icy conditions on Thursday, and staff shortages we made the decision not to walk to church but hold our Christmas service in school. I was very proud of those children in Red Kites and Owls who did readings, poems and prayers to our school community. It gave us time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and how being grateful for those things we have are important at this time of year, as well as showing compassion for those that might not be as fortunate.

Laura Hitchings is continuing to provide cover in the office as we are still without both Ms Hooper and Mrs Riggs. Thank you for your patience and understanding at this time, particularly as we draw towards the end of term. There are many school-based processes and procedures which she is trying to get up to speed with but it will inevitably mean that certain things may not work as efficiently as they have done.

St Nics has Talent

We are looking forward to seeing a wide range of talents being displayed on Monday .If your child needs any instruments or costumes, please drop off on Monday morning.

Opticians

Over the holiday is a good opportunity to take your child for an eye test. Tests are free for under 16s and children are also entitled to an 'optical voucher' to use towards the cost of

glasses if they are prescribed. Information about the importance of regular eye tests for children, along with some of the symptoms of a possible vision problem, can be found here: [Eye tests for children - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/eye-tests-for-children/)

High 5's

Wrens

Arthur W for entertaining the whole school during the Christmas performance. Isabella PT for asking fantastic questions during an adult lead activity. Bella for showing compassion to others.

Kingfishers

Francesco for working well with a friend to complete a task. Fraiser for being extremely resilient with his phonics and showing eagerness to learn. Georgie for practicing so hard for the nativity performance even though sadly she was poorly on the day.

Robins

High five for Daisy and Milla for taking such care with their handwriting

Owls

Flynn for trying really hard in class this week and being independent.

Sebastian Z for his positive influence and being a real team player.

Red Kites

Max for his persistence, positivity and gratitude when taking part in after school maths sessions

Sennen for ensuring Ester, our new class member feels welcome and for always doing the right thing- even when she thinks nobody is watching.

Finally, just a reminder that term ends at 12pm on Tuesday 20th December, returning on Thursday 5th January 2023

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Richards and the St Nics Team