



## Newsletter

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

We have finally come to the end of a long term which has been complicated by the Covid 19 pandemic. I am so happy that I was able to return to school before the end of term and enjoy some of the festive activities that have taken place this week. I am especially pleased that we were able to hold our Key Stage 2 Concert outside and would like to thank the children and staff who did such a wonderful job at entertaining us all so wonderfully and made us feel so festive. Thank you also to all of the families who came to watch in the cold!

Today has been a very emotional day as we have said goodbye to four fantastic members of staff. We wish them all lots and lots of luck and success and hope that we may see some of them again in the future.

As we come to the end of the year, I would like to thank all of our families for their ongoing support and patience. I would also like to say how amazing the children have been, working incredibly hard and achieving so much in our first term of the new academic year. Finally, I would like to thank our incredible staff who have worked so hard during another challenging term, going above and beyond to do their best for the children and keep everyone safe.

### Christmas Dinner

I would like to say a special thank you to our Catering Team for producing two fantastic Christmas lunches this week. Thank you also to all of the other staff who helped on these days to make everything run smoothly.

### Nativity

The link for the recording of the Nativity has been sent out this week. Hopefully, you have all been able to access it. If you have any difficulties with this, please let us know and we will see what we can do to help.

### Christingle Service at St Michael's

St Michael's will be holding a Christingle service on Christmas Eve at 3.00 pm.

### Two Village Speaking Competition

We now have the finalists for our Speaking Competition in January and are very much looking forward to hearing their presentations next term. Congratulations to the winners and to everyone who worked so hard to prepare and deliver a presentation. This is a valuable skill for the children to learn and practise and we are sure that the continued work that we will be doing on oracy across the curriculum will enable our children to speak and present with confidence as they move up through the school.



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## Speaking Competition Finalists:

### Willow Class

Tommy Lefevre  
Sahaj Joshi  
Keavy O'Shea-Norris

### Hazel Class

Ava Fulton  
Freya Simpson  
Melody McCue

### Oak Class

Callum Watson  
Libbi Brown  
Alice Messenger

## Advent Calendar Competition

Although we have 24 days on our Advent Calendar, today we have opened the final 'door' to reveal the winning picture. Congratulations to Harry Barton from Maple Class who is this year's winner. We particularly liked how his picture was inspired by Van Gogh – well done Harry!



## Non Pupil Day

We would like to remind everyone that school will be closed for a **non pupil day** on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022**. The children will return to school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January .

## New Staff

We are looking forward to welcoming our two new teachers next term and our new caretaker. We will also be welcoming Miss Smart, our new teaching assistant in Early Years, next term. We have now recruited a new member of staff for the office and are hopeful that her pre-employment checks can be completed in time for her to join us in January. Miss Priestland will be working alongside Mrs Reynolds in the office every morning, supporting with attendance and school dinner orders in particular.

We have now advertised for a new Catering Manager and will be interviewing for this post in January. In the meantime, we are extremely grateful to Miss Phillips and Miss Devereaux, our catering staff, who have kindly offered to cover the vacancy until it is filled. We will endeavour to keep the menu as



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normal as we can but would ask that you can be patient with us if we have to make some slight changes during this interim period.

**I hope that you can all enjoy a very happy and safe Christmas and we will look forward to seeing you all in the January.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mrs Natasha Bennett'.

Mrs Natasha Bennett  
Headteacher

### Diary Dates 2021-22

Date	Event
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Non Pupil Day
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Children return to school