



Message from Dr Mitchell...

I can't believe this is my last newsletter! It's been the most enormous privilege to have sailed this ship for the past 7 years. When I started I set out to build a school which I would have been happy to send my two children to. I feel I have accomplished that. Children in this school are wrapped around with care from the staff who know them as unique individuals. Their development as people as well as learners is important here, and they have ample opportunity to inhabit the world of childhood, as well as set the foundations for life long learning. Thank you all for your support, challenge, community, friendship and love. I will miss you and the children more than you will know and wish all of you: children, staff and families, the very best as we continue to navigate these strange and uncertain times in the best ways we can.

Diary Dates

(New dates will be in red)

- **Tuesday 2 January INSET Day** – School closed to pupils
- **Wednesday 3 January, Spring Term starts**
- **January 9th and 10th Y2 trip to the Pavilion** – please return forms and make contributions

Learning Round-Up

Reception

Reception explored the textures of pine trees in their art area and making Christmas and Winter art. They also made jam tarts and had a Nursery Rhyme tea party and coped really well with the hall being set up completely differently for our Christmas dinner day – well done Reception!

Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about the senses. They have also been learning about 2D and 3D shapes as well as making Christmas cards and getting on well with Phase 5 phonics. They have written their own versions of Little Red Riding Hood. They had a visit from Miss Clifford who will be teaching in Y1 after Christmas (picture below).

Year 2

Year 2 made clay tea-light holders. They have written the most amazing new versions of a portal story based on Lucy and the Ice Queen – and they are really challenging themselves in the language they are using. We have some budding authors in the school!

All year groups have been performing to their home grown-ups, and didn't they do well?!



THANK YOU to all who have bought things off Mrs Flitton's wish list for our SEND children.

THANK YOU

All the staff want to say a huge thank you for the cards, presents and Christmas best wishes. Wishing you all a happy and peaceful festive season. A particular 'thank you' from Mrs Bryant and Dr Mitchell for their messages and gifts.

