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### **Newsletter 14.12.21**

Dear Parents,

What a delightful festive period we are having in school! From PTA activity afternoons to Snowman days, Christmas lunches, class parties, visits from Santa, a special Nativity video, crafts, singing in Carlisle Cathedral and then to end it all on Thursday a 'CFM Cash for Kids Christmas Jumper Day'! Phew! No wonder everyone is shattered! We hope the children have had a lovely festive time in school and enjoyed the celebrations as much as the staff! A wonderful Christmas spirit and feel around school!

#### **Christmas Nativity Video**

This year the children have enjoyed putting together a Nativity Video for parents. This includes songs, dressing-up, cameo performances from members of the community and places around the village you may recognise...not to mention a 'donkey'! We hope that in the future we will be able to hold 'live' performances in school once again.

*So for Christmas 2021 the children of Kirkbride Primary School presents:*

#### *Our Whole School Nativity:*

Go to [www.kirkbride.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.kirkbride.cumbria.sch.uk) - click on the 'Children' tab - then 'Christmas 2021'.

#### *Ash Class Procession Video:*

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#### **Staff leaving**

As you will be aware Mrs Fordyce will be retiring from Kirkbride Primary School on Thursday. She has worked as a Senior Teaching Assistant at the school for 22 years and 4 months, which is a marvellous achievement. She will be greatly missed – her energy, fun and care for the children is a huge part of our school community. We wish her a happy retirement with her family.

Also, we say farewell to Mrs Roche, who has been working in Acorn and Elm Classes this term. We wish her well as she moves on to work in a school in Carlisle.

#### **Goodbye**

As my time as Head Teacher draws to an end I would personally like to thank you all for the continued support you have given me as Head Teacher over the past 5 years. My aim has always been that the children are at the centre of everything we do and they have the very best education and educational experiences. I have had the privilege of teaching many of the children, plus as Head Teacher, I have had the luxury of being part of their educational journey from their first days in Nursery until their final days in Year 6. The children at Kirkbride are a credit to you as parents and they are an absolute joy to teach! I will miss them all very much. I would also like to take this opportunity to



thank all of the staff and Governors - past and present - who have supported me during my headship to build on and strengthen all aspects of school life. I am very proud of the school and all that we have achieved over my time as Head teacher and I will leave with fond memories. I wish you all well for the future – keep in touch if you are passing me walking my dog in Kirkbampton or if you are in in Wigton.

Just a reminder we finish school on **Thursday 16th December at 3.00p.m** and re-open on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022** at 8.30a.m. (staggered times will continue).

Wishing you all a very peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Mrs D.A. Maxwell  
Head Teacher

