

Dear Parents and Carers

I do hope you enjoy reading this first newsletter after Christmas and New Year.

Firstly an update on the build at St Joseph's, due to a number of factors the completion date looks like it will be mid-way through the summer term. The 6th Form pupils are all well settled here on site and we will continue to work with them, and you, to ensure that as and when a transition occurs it is smooth for them. We will be in touch with parents in 6th Form, especially the leaver's class, nearer the time. In this way we can be sure that individual needs are met.

Yesterday we had Pet Encounter in school who helped kick start KS2 Animal Care topic. Pupils were shown how to care for each animal, what food, enrichment and home that each animal needs. They cleaned out cages and set them back up and done a 6-point health check. Everyone had a great time.



Mountains 6 and 6th Form pupils have been to a special relaxed performance of *The Borrowers* at the Theatre by the Lake in Keswick, it was a great day out.



A team of staff completed the 1 day Halliwick AST training. They worked both classroom-based and in the pool working on how to develop the children's floatation, positioning and ultimately their independence in the pool. Halliwick is based on principles of hydrostatics, hydrodynamics and kinesiology. It is an holistic approach, bringing together knowledge about: the water and the body;

teaching and learning; motivation; challenge; activities, games and music; group dynamics and swimming strokes.



Many thanks to everyone who sponsored us for our Reindeer Run, we raised an amazing £2,198 for Jigsaw.

Yours sincerely

Sam and the team