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"Every child deserves to be the best they can be"

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Dear Parents/Carers

It is hard to believe that it is the end of the autumn term already and that I have been Principal at Northwood Broom for a whole term. I have really enjoyed getting to know all of your children, especially sitting on the golden table each week chatting to them. I know all of the items on their Christmas lists! They have really made me laugh and smile.

As always in school, it has been a busy and rewarding term that has ended with an array of fun learning opportunities for all. I am sure you will all agree that the Foundation Stage Christmas concerts were fantastic. The children have been working hard on improving their clear speaking voices and learning all of those lovely songs and their efforts were a joy for all to see.

It was lovely to see many of you at our Christmas Fayre. It was a huge success; we raised over £800 for the school fund, which we will be using to further develop our playground for the children. Congratulations to our raffle prize winners and once again thank you for supporting this event and for your generous donations. Christmas dinner was delicious and well received. Thank you to our kitchen staff who make feeding 200 pupils look so easy!

We are continually working on improving outcomes for pupils. We have embarked on a new phonics scheme called Read, Write, Inc to support the children with learning early reading skills and to develop their fluency and confidence when reading. This is already having a very positive impact on the rate children are learning their phonics sounds and their ability to blend words together to read. It is lovely to visit the classes and see the children so engaged in their reading. Look out for the phonics Watch Me Learn sessions on the diary dates where you can see your child being taught phonics, and discuss ways you can help your child at home.

A few of the proud moments this term include:

- Our songbirds performed at the Victoria Hall earlier this month. Their singing (and dance moves) and behaviour were second to none
- Year 1's Harvest assembly was amazing at the Church with their super speaking and singing skills on display
- Year 2's Remembrance assembly, super speaking and singing skills was fantastic, which was made even more special by our visitor -Sergeant Clarke
- Tissues were definitely used in the Foundation stage concerts. There was not a dry eye in the hall. The children were all so confident to speak, sing and dance in front of all of the grown-ups, which is such an achievement when you are only 3, 4 and 5!



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We have another busy term ahead of us for spring! Attendance and punctuality remain a huge focus for Northwood Broom Academy, especially after the winter illness bugs swept through the school causing the attendance to plummet. Our attendance is currently 95%, which is below the national attendance target. We will be striving to rapidly improve this.

Phonics and reading, along with maths continue to be our area of focus for monitoring and improvement in order to meet the high expectations/targets we set ourselves. We will be looking forward to Dance Extravaganza at the Victoria Hall, a friendship disco, celebrating World Book Day and Sports Relief along with finishing the term with an Easter performance.

Before I sign off for the year, may I thank the majority of parents/carers who are communicating with teachers through their child’s communication diary appropriately. The teachers are the adult who know your child best in school and they can, in most cases, discuss and agree solutions to niggles, queries and concerns promptly, but will escalate to leadership involvement if needed.

Finally thank you for your continued support. We really do appreciate the partnership we have with you all. From all of the staff at Northwood Broom Academy, have a happy and safe Christmas with your family and friends. We look forward to working together in 2020 for another magical, successful year for our children.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Glaister
Academy Principal



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