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School Newsletter

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Christmas Plays



I am sure you will agree that our Christmas performances – both the lower school's Nativity and upper school's play – were absolutely tremendous.

Thank you for coming along and for supporting the children in preparing for the roles and a massive thanks too to the staff for putting the shows together.

Once again, I was blown away by the confidence and talent our children demonstrated when performing in front of a live audience - well done!

Sports Events

Last week, a group of children from Year 3 and 4 travelled to The Bolsover School to take part in a Sports Hall Athletics competition. Mrs Ward and Mrs Brocklesby attended the event and reported that the children put in a huge effort in every single event and represented us amazingly. We came third overall and we were left very proud of the team.

Class webpages

Staff have been busy updating their class webpages so they now have information on about what children will be learning in the Spring term. Please visit the website to find out more.

<https://www.scarcliffe.derbyshire.sch.uk/classes>

Christmas Parties and Jumpers



Next Thursday (19th December) is the last day of term. We have planned to hold our Christmas parties on that day and are inviting

children to come in non-uniform. We thought some children might like to dig out their festive outfits?!

On the day, Louise will be preparing a festive buffet for lunch. We are then inviting children to bring in some food to eat during the afternoon at their parties.

Details about what we are requesting from each class will come out in a separate letter. We hope you will be able to support us with this.

Christmas Dinner



Earlier this week, Louise once again prepared just less than 100 Christmas dinners. Staff, governors and the children thoroughly enjoyed the meal and wanted to express our thanks to Louise for her incredible effort!

Foodbank

As you know, we arranged a festive foodbank collection to support people in the local area who need help at this challenging time of year. Thank you to everyone who donated. I am pleased to say that all the donations have been taken to the Freedom Foodbank in Bolsover. Thank you!

Staffing

I am delighted to let you know that all staffing changes have been completed now so the school can continue to run smoothly in January. In January you might see a few new faces:

Miss Lewis-Jones will be a new teacher in Class 3 and will be working full-time.

Mrs Sellars (who you will be very familiar with) will be teaching in Class 1 alongside Miss Sidwell who will also teach for a day.

Mr Hadley has been appointed as the teacher in Class 4 on a Thursday and Friday.

Lynsey will also be starting as our new cleaner.

I'm sure they will all settle in quickly and will be welcomed to our school community.

Poorly Pupils Procedure

It's that time of year again when bugs are flying around causing children to have to have some time off school. If your child is absent from

school, please remember to get in touch with Ms Rich – either by email, phone or on Class Dojo to report the absence. Some people still contact class teachers instead and these messages do not always get to the school office.

Thank you and goodbye!



As this is my last newsletter, I wanted to take the opportunity to let you know what an absolute pleasure and privilege it has been to be head teacher at this very special school.

Over the last 7+ years, I have worked alongside some of the most talented and dedicated staff who have provided an amazing standard of education and care to our pupils. I want to thank them for all their hard work during my time here. I would also like to express my gratitude for the ongoing support I have received from our families. I cannot explain how grateful I have been for this and how much easier it has made the job.

Finally, I wanted to say thank you to our absolutely amazing pupils who have made me smile on a daily basis. I have often said that our children are the best advert for the school and their behaviour and attitudes make them a pleasure to work with!

I am extremely proud of what we have achieved as a school during my time here and I look forward to hearing how it continues to go from strength to strength under Mr Horton and Mrs Brocklesby's leadership!

All that is left for me to say is that I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and an amazing 2025! Thank you!