



16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic term it has been! We have been incredibly lucky to have had so many different visitors in school and to have had the opportunity to allow the children take part in a variety of different life experiences. The children have produced fantastic pieces of learning this term and we are keen to continue sharing these with you over the course of next year at each class' showcase afternoon.

## **Christmas Parties**

The children have all enjoyed their Christmas parties; playing corners, making crafts and having a dance. They all enjoyed their tasty Christmas dinners whilst wearing their fantastic festive hats.

## **Year 6 Showcase**

It was lovely to see all the fantastic learning at the Year 6 showcases! It has been a delight to see how much progress the children have made over the term which was reflected in the learning showcases.

# **Anxiety Parent Workshops**

As a school we are keen to support the children's mental wellbeing as well as their academic progress. In the new year Michael Barrows from the 'Mentally Healthy Schools Team' will be delivering a workshop for parents around anxiety in children. The aims of the session will be to discuss in more detail what anxiety is, the difference between anxiety and worry, how to identify anxiety in your child and ways to support them with this. He will be running two sessions on the 11<sup>th</sup> January one at 1.30-3pm and another 3.15-4.45pm.

# Top 3 Attendance scores this week

2<sup>nd</sup> Seacole: 95.4 % 3rd Donaldson: 91.8 % 1<sup>st</sup> Hawking: 95.6%

Well done to Hawking for your fantastic attendance!

### **Christmas Cracker**

Thank you to all the parents who came to Bethesda's Church for the 'Christmas Cracker', it was a real joy to hear the children sing and listen to their poems and descriptive pieces, they all worked incredibly hard on their performance.

### **Christmas Break**

We wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year. A reminder that the first day back will be the 4<sup>th</sup> January as the 3<sup>rd</sup> will be an INSET day. We look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Akroyd, Vice Principal and Miss Horsfall, Principal.

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