



Dear Parents,

19th December 2023

Autumn 2 is always a long half term but, as we near its conclusion, I would like to thank you for your continued support at events that we have held. We have had many emails of thanks and gratitude in recent weeks; these kind words are greatly valued by the staff here at school.

Children In Need

Our annual support of Children in Need raised £454.00 The children enjoyed wearing their spotty clothes and completing 'bearpees' with Joe Wicks.

Proud Assemblies

We held our first Proud Assemblies at the start of the half term to recognise the effort and hard work of some of our children in Autumn 1. It was lovely to be able to invite parents into the assembly to share this pride. Our next Proud Assemblies will be in January; parents of the selected children will have received an invite email last week.

Curriculum Afternoon

We held our Curriculum Afternoon yesterday after school. It was lovely to see the number of parents who were able to attend and look at the progress the pupils are making in their learning. We also received many compliments about the displays around school. Thank you for attending.

KaraOAKe

A section of our choir attended the MAT KaraOAKe event last week, held at Hilbre High School. It was a lovely evening where the different schools sang a selection of Christmas songs and carols. Thank you to Miss Birmingham and Mrs O'Kane for leading this.

Sporting Success

Children from many different year groups attended a range of sports events over the half term; a newsletter with summaries of these events will be sent to you in January. Two sporting highlights included the Year 6 football team progressing to the regional finals of the Everton FC competition – they will now participate in the next round at Finch Farm. The other event was Miss Haworth leading our 10-pin bowling team to a 2nd place finish at Cheshire Oaks. This has also led to the team attending a regional final day later in the year. Well done to all pupils who represented our school throughout Autumn term. We are very excited to attend further events in Spring.

Christmas

We have now finished all of our performances. It was lovely to see the children acting, singing and dancing during the events and many of the parents singing along too! The panto was also very popular and the 3D element of the show made it very different from previous pantomimes we have attended. On the same day, our EYFS children enjoyed their own Christmas event and were thrilled to see real reindeer. As one child pointed out to me, "they weren't people dressed up – they were Santa's real reindeer!"

We will finish the term with Christmas lunch tomorrow followed by our Christmas afternoon on Thursday.

Pupils are able to come to school on this day dressed in their own clothes.

PTA

A huge thanks to the members of the PTA, who have helped at numerous events this term. The film nights were a great success. The PTA served all refreshments at the Christmas performances and bought the snacks for the panto and EYFS morning. Today, some of them will be dressed up as elves at our Elfridges market.

PE Days in Spring 1

F1 = Friday

F2 = Thursday

Y1 = Tuesday and Wednesday

Y2 = Tuesday and Friday

Y3 = Tuesday and Wednesday

Y4 = Monday and Thursday

Y5 = Monday and Thursday

Y6 = Wednesday and Friday

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas break and enjoy time with your families. We, as a staff, are looking forward to a lovely relaxing break before we return refreshed for more fantastic teaching and learning on Tuesday 9th January (Monday 8th is an INSET day). I will write to you again at the start of next half term to outline some of the Spring events.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr Milne
Headteacher**