



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Well we made it! We have enjoyed all the excitement, fun and Christmas spirit that the festive season has to offer! This will be our final letter of 2021 and I'm sure you will all agree that it's been quite a year!

We have achieved so much this term, with our teachers and children working incredibly hard to make our school the special place it is. As I walk around school, I am always so impressed by the energy and attitudes of our children. They greet me with huge smiles, full of news about their learning and all the extra-curricular activities they take part in.

**Some Highlights this term:**

Hello Yellow- a day full of yellow sunshine and a reflection of what makes me special and unique

Remembrance Service – the children led the service with sincerity and meaning.

Children in Need- a very bear friendly event!

World Children's Day- celebrating how 'unique' we all are!

Rudolf Run! - the run which brought laughter to us all.

Christmas Jumper Day- A wonderful day of festive cheer!

Christmas Productions!- these were fabulous and brought the meaning of Christmas to us all.

Singing Concert- a showcase of our talented singers

Choir concert- a beautiful reflection of our gifted children

A huge thank you to Miss Shamatt and Mrs Bendelow who joined us this term as student teachers, we will look forward to welcoming them back after Easter. For their final placement After Christmas, we welcome Miss Jones, Miss Cox and Miss Fingland who I am certain will enjoy their time at Eggescliffe.

**Questionnaire reflections.**

Thank you to all those who completed the questionnaire. Following feedback from yourselves, we will be looking again at homework and further developing our communication and updates regarding your children's progress and attainment. Your positive comments were overwhelming and I thank you all for your honesty.

**Productions & Carol Concerts**

At a time of great uncertainty, we were thrilled that all our Christmas Productions could go ahead. We were so proud of all our children from our youngest Nursery children right through to Year 6; they all shone brightly. Thank you so much for adhering to the risk assessments to ensure the safety of the whole school community. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

The children used their talents to create some amazing Christmas crafts to raise money for new computers in school. We had: baubles, reindeer dust, snow globes, even reindeer hot chocolate. I hope you enjoyed the many treats

**Raffles for Fundraising**

Thank you also to the Friends of Eggescliffe for giving up their time to host the many raffles we have had. I am completely overwhelmed with the generosity you have all shown throughout this week. Friends of Eggescliffe took hours to count up the money raised from the production raffles and Chocolate raffles! Needless to say, the children got super excited about the chocolate raffle. One child said, "Can we do this every week, not just at Christmas"

**Thank you...** you raised staggering **£1111.65** This amount will go towards new laptops for school.

**Christmas Lunch**

Thank you to our cook, Mrs Close and her team, who cooked a delicious lunch for our children and staff. Following lunch, the children enjoyed some down time in their classes and watched a Christmas film, drinking hot chocolate and enjoying Christmas activities.

## **DB Primary**

Staff are continually updating and adding to their class pages. When children log on, they will see their learning for the term as well as further resources to support at home and homework links for Ed Shed and Active Learn. If you have not looked at these recently, please take time to view the class pages and the information added. Should you find yourself in the situation where your child is off school following a positive PCR test, then this is where you will find the lesson slides and website links. Teachers are busy updating pages ready to launch new topics in the Spring Term. We are all very excited and can't wait to get started!

## **Whole school visits to Hardwick Park and Beamish**

What a wonderful way to launch our whole school 'Share One Book' Week: 'The Christmas Pine' by Julia Donaldson. Staff couldn't think of a better way to begin the festive period than with a walk back in time through the streets of Beamish. Our youngest children also thoroughly enjoyed following the Gruffalo Trail and getting 'crafty' with clay! Thank you to all the volunteers who accompanied staff and children.

As one grandparent said, *'It's where memories were made'*. I think she summed it up beautifully!

## **Rudolph Reindeer Fun Run**

Children had a wonderful time participating in the fun run. The final amount donated came to £408.00. This has been sent to The Butterwick Hospice. You certainly made a difference to those in need this Christmas time.

## **A few dates for the diary next year!**

- PD DAY- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January- return to school
- STEM week- 5<sup>th</sup> January
- National Puzzle Day- 28<sup>th</sup> January
- HALF TERM- 21<sup>st</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> February
- World Book Day- 4<sup>th</sup> March
- Red Nose Day- 18<sup>th</sup> March
- Easter Eggstravaganza- 1<sup>st</sup> April
- Last day of term- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

## **P.D Days:**

Please note school will be closed to children for professional development day...

- **4<sup>th</sup> January 2022**
- **27<sup>th</sup> May 2022**
- **21<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

**Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday - 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022, the school will be closed.**



And finally...

Should I receive any updates regarding school, please be rest assured I will be in touch.

All that remains is for myself and staff to wish you all a Merry Christmas. Please enjoy your family time, stay safe and have fun! Here is to a fabulous 2022!

Kind regards.

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