

**Headteacher: Mr Jonathan Rodd**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

In our whole school Celebration assembly this morning, we celebrated the following pupils:

Gainsborough: Lucy, Isaacc, Luna and Ronnie

Medlycott: Aubrie, Arlo, Pippa and Jayden

Venn: Polly, Taio, Rudi and William

Kingsbury: Summer, Oscar B-K, Amelia C and Max

Newtown: Joseph, Joey, Rayna and Harry

Crackmore: Arthur, Freddie, Esmae and David

What a lovely week we've had in school. The KS1 children's Nativity was a delight and the children performed with confidence. Many thanks to Mrs Carr, Mrs Minney, Mrs Hann and the teaching assistants who prepared the children so well for their performances. The Carol Service in Church on Tuesday was another very happy occasion when we gathered as a school community to hear familiar readings and sing carols. At lunchtime on Tuesday, the Choir sang at Church House as the senior citizens enjoyed their Christmas lunch. The previous day, the Choir sang at Wells Cathedral and we received many compliments about their performance. Many thanks to Mrs Bartlett for all her work with the Choir this term!

As I wrote last week, the School Improvement Partner was very impressed with teaching and learning at Milborne Port and the children spoke very positively about their experiences in school. Here are some extracts from his report: *"Pupils agree that behaviour both in and outside of lessons is typically good..... Pupils agree that they feel happy, safe and well looked after.....Pupils describe Milborne Port as a safe, caring and jolly school. They feel lucky to come to this school.... Pupils engage well in their learning, displaying positive attitudes to their work."* Our children are so lucky to have high-quality learning experiences on a daily basis!

After Christmas, we have a pantomime to look forward to. This is being generously funded by the PTFA.

Please can I remind you that smart watches are not permitted in school, as children have the ability to read and send text messages on these. Thank you for your co-operation.

On behalf of the children, staff and Governors, may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The teachers are not setting homework during the Christmas break but we would encourage children to read regularly and practise number facts/times tables. Thank you for your

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support in my first term as Headteacher. It has been good getting to know you and your children during the past few months. I look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024**.

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024	Inset Day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024	Spring Term begins
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	KS1 Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole school pantomime – Cinderella (Treehouse Theatre Company)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	KS2 Celebration Assembly
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	KS1 Celebration Assembly
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole school Celebration Assembly

Kind regards,

Jonathan Rodd

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