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# Friday Fortnightly Newsletter

*Autumn Term Edition*

*Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017*

*Dear Parents, Carers and Children*

## Message from the Head

It's Thank You Time! Firstly, thank you all for wonderful attendance and support at the Christmas Performances. Your feedback comments were overwhelmingly positive and your children really did themselves proud. You have been very generous with gifts, cards and good wishes for the staff team and we consider ourselves lucky to work with such a supportive and thoughtful school community.

Thank you to Meadowside Governors for the excellent leadership, support and challenge they provide and to the Friends of Meadowside for their time, energy and commitment!

Merry Christmas Meadowsiders and Health and happiness for 2018!

## Meadowside Class News.

### Reception -

Time seems to have flown by in Reception during December. Lots of Christmas crafts, cooking and fun has been had. We had a great marble jar treat. Thank you to parents who provided snacks. The children have been fantastic in all the play rehearsals and were amazing in the actual performances.

### Years 1 & 2 - Escape from Treasure Island

Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed getting stuck in to our Christmas production. We were very excited to perform for our audiences and worked hard on using our loud voices. We have also been enjoying some Christmassy activities such as decorations and Christmas cards. We are looking forward to starting a new topic when we come back in January.

Year 2. We have thrown ourselves into the Christmas festivities! We have learnt about some of our Christmas traditions and been practising for our play Manger Mouse. The children have all learnt their words brilliantly so are putting on a brilliant performance, so thank you for all the help you have given them.

### Year 3 & 4 - Light it Up

Year 3 all want to wish Miss Cahill and Mr Stevens thanks for their hard work this term and wish them well in their next placement. Merry Christmas from all in year 3.

Well done to y4 in the performance this week, a great song about light... meanwhile, in class, we have been learning about electrical circuits, and making light bulbs work! We have thought about conductors, insulators and switches. What a bunch of bright sparks we are!

### Years 5 & 6 - Mission Mars

Oaks and Cherries have been working hard to prepare their contributions for the Christmas KS2 Performances. We hope you enjoyed watching the shows this week!

Our last maths topic for this term was multiplication. We revised our short multiplication skills and learned how to perform long multiplication. In English lessons, we completed our study of the novel A Christmas Carol with a debate about the three ghosts and their effectiveness in persuading Scrooge to change his behaviour. As our topic "Mission: Mars" drew to a close, we finished our animated movies about a landing on Mars. It has amazed us all to discover just how many frames (or photos) are needed to complete a just a few seconds of animation. This week we have enjoyed sharing and celebrating our topic homework. Thank you to everyone who sent in homework for us to admire.

We wish you all a peaceful and relaxing Christmas holiday and look forward to welcoming the children back next term.

Year 6 have been full of festive cheer in the form of Christmaths, *The Snowman* inspired writing, reindeer baubles and 2018 calendars. We have thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas activities, especially the Key Stage 2 performance. We reflected on thankfulness and we would like to thank YOU for all you have done to support us on our year 6 journey so far. Merry Christmas!

### Governor Corner

Governors hope that all our school families have enjoyed the festive performances this term and wish to congratulate all children on some impressive performances. As always a huge thanks goes to the staff who work tirelessly to support the children throughout this process.

We are still seeking to appoint a new Co-opted Governor and wonder if you would like to consider giving your time to this important school role when considering your New Year resolutions? If you have questions about this role, please email: [Chair@meadowsideprimary.co.uk](mailto:Chair@meadowsideprimary.co.uk).

### Friends of Meadowside

In the words of John Lennon, 'So this is Christmas, and what have you done?'... Well so far; a bake-off, two pop corn and pyjama parties and a Christmas Market!

Thanks to everyone for making the Market another great success, To everyone who came to enjoy the event, to all the stallholders and their generous donations to the raffle. To Sue & Steve Scullion for donating all the hotdogs and Aldi for mince pies and lollies. Miss Visaranta for the beautiful painting and Sarah & Harry McCloskey for donating the giant elf!

To the staff for all their support inside and out and, of course, to the guest of honour in the treehouse grotto, Father Christmas (and the elves!) And to my amazing team who put in many hours over weeks to put together an event like that. You really are blooming amazing!! The Christmas Market raised an impressive £753.00.

Next year we'll start with a Circus competition in Jan and grown ups, Friday 2nd Feb, date for you diary, it's Quiz night!!

And from John to Shakin Stevens - Merry Christmas everyone!! X

### Other News

Attendance Awards for the Autumn Term have been presented. Well done to Year 4 who were the Overall Class Winners with 98%.

### Winter Wellbeing

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January between 3.30 and 5pm, you and your children are invited to Meadowside's Winter Wellbeing Event. Come and beat those January Blues, with some great tips and ideas to support healthy minds and bodies. We will share more details of what is on offer, in the New Year.

We will also be using our weekly assemblies to promote good health and wellbeing, during January.

### INSET dates (school shut for pupils)

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018**  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018**  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

Please visit our website

[www.meadowsideprimary.co.uk](http://www.meadowsideprimary.co.uk), for all upcoming events.

### Dates for your diary

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 – School re-opens

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Rock Steady lessons begin

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January - Sportshall Athletics at Bentham Country club

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January –3:30pm Winter Wellbeing event for Parents and children

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January- QLC Cross country event at Beech Green

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – 7pm Friends of Meadowside Quiz Night

Date of next newsletter: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January