



Tollerton Primary School



# Newsletter

December 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of our Autumn term. It really has gone in a flash, and the Christmas break is now upon us. Whilst December is always incredibly busy in school, it really is my favourite time of year, and it is such a privilege to spend it with your children.



We started December with Christmas Jumper day, and raised money for Save The Children. It really got us into the festive spirit, and made for a very colourful assembly.

The beginning of December also saw the Christmas Family Disco. The fantastic FOTS committee worked tirelessly in both preparation for the event and in its execution to deliver quite a spectacular event. It really was a pleasure to be a part of it. A huge thank you to those on the committee and those of you who attended and supported the fundraising for school.

## Nativity Performances

One of the best things about working in a school during December is being able to hear children singing. The children and staff worked so very hard to put together two nativity plays this year. Our reception children kicked things off with their play last Friday. It never fails to amaze me how the very youngest children can remember so many lines, all of their song words, and exactly where to be and when. I was really blown away.



This week our Year 1 and 2 children have performed 'A Midwife Crisis'. There are definitely some budding stars in our midst, and once again I was impressed by just how much they have learned and remembered. I think what I enjoyed most were the dance routines, and that's not just

because as staff we have been on quite a journey with Miss Sandells and Mrs Westgate's creative differences over which one of them was clapping in time!!



### Carols on the playground

While we had to change our plans for carols on the playground due to the uncertainty of the weather and the amount of children we have suffering with coughs and colds, the children still put on a wonderful performance. Mrs Vaughan is really passionate about music in school and puts so much time and effort into the organisation and rehearsal. We are so very grateful.

### A very special visitor and a very special lunch



On Thursday there were high levels of excitement when Santa came to see us. A huge thank you to the FOTS committee who managed to find the real Mr Claus to visit. And after a lovely morning we had our Christmas dinner which was a real triumph for our new kitchen team. Staff and children eating together, Christmas music and crackers what more could we have hoped for?!

### What's happening in the community?

I've recently received an email from Keyworth United Community FC who are looking for new girls to join their award winning Wildcats Scheme and experience the fun current girls who attend do.

Sessions run every Saturday 9am-10.30am and they take girls from 4-11 years of age.

## Looking ahead into 2024

We will return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January ready for the Spring term.

JANUARY 2024	
4	INSET Day
5	INSET Day
9	DARE course begins for Class 6
29	National Storytelling Week
FEBRUARY 2024	
5	Children's Mental Health Week
9	Chinese New Year
12-16	Half-term

Any particular class events, as always will be posted on the class story on Class Dojo.

## A big Thankyou!

As we say goodbye to 2023, and I close the door on my first term as a Headteacher I really must offer my sincerest thanks for the welcome I have had into Tollerton school and into the community. I have really enjoyed this term, and while it has been a busy one, I feel that as a team we have accomplished a huge amount. It has been a joy to get to know the children, and I am excited for what the Spring term will bring.

Wishing you and your lovely children a very merry Christmas, with hopes for a happy and healthy 2024, see you in the new year!!

Mrs Smith