



Tollerton Primary School

# Newsletter



December 2024

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 has been a productive festive period with lots of fun and reasons to celebrate.

## What a performance!

This past week has been a week of drama and singing! We have had three wonderful productions from our Reception and infant children. We are all so proud of the children and how they were able to perform for such a busy hall full of people. We definitely have some talented actors amongst us. A huge thanks must go to the staff who spend many hours preparing and practising with the children to make sure that they are show ready!

Our Musical theatre club also performed at the Christmas Cracker and sung and danced brilliantly. Vikki and Miss Sandells work really hard with the girls in the club and that hard work certainly pays off.

For those parents who came to our Christmas singing on Wednesday I am sure you'll agree that our junior children sounded lovely. Mrs Vaughan is very talented when it comes to singing and music in school (although she always completely under sells her skills) and one of the highlights of my week is listening to her singing assemblies on a Monday afternoon.



## A special visitor!

Our FOTS team do such a lot for our school, from raising money to organising some of our favourite events of the year. This week they used all of their contacts to secure us a visit from a very special man. Santa came and visited all of the classes, bringing each child a gift wrapped by his very own FOTS elves. Santa was so lovely to our children, and it was a fantastic way to start our Christmas dinner day! The kitchen staff work hard all year round but Christmas dinner day in school is next level! A wonderful dinner cooked for all of those children and staff who wanted one

although I'm not sure Class 6 were too happy in the afternoon after Mr Isted ate upwards of 30 sprouts!!!

A huge thanks must go to Mrs Read for whom there is no task too big to organise in order to make sure our children always have a wonderful experience.

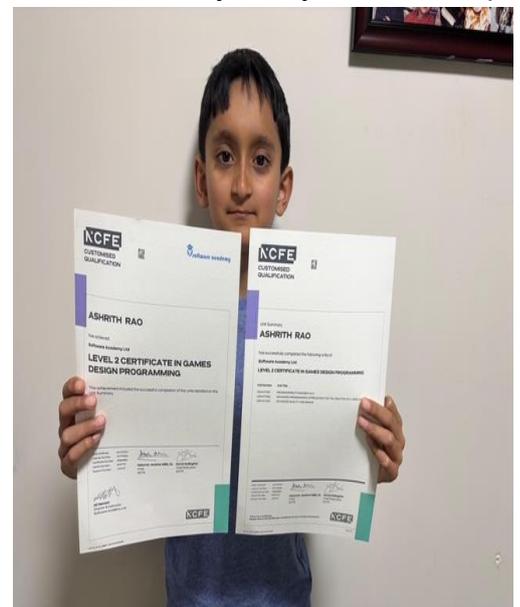


Today we have finished the week with our Christmas parties this morning, and some Christmas activities this afternoon. The last week of term is always jam packed as we try really hard to keep our normal routine in place up until these last few days.

### Something to celebrate

I always really enjoy hearing about the achievements of our children outside of school. We have so many talented children in so many different fields and it makes me so proud. This week, Ashrith in Year 5 has achieved the NCFE Level 2 certification in Python Coding.

This is the equivalent to a strong GCSE grade. Wow Ashrith, What a fabulous achievement.



## Staffing News

There are a few changes to inform you of for the Spring term.

Mrs White has been working in a pastoral capacity on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. She has a real skill for supporting children's emotional well being and enabling them to thrive in a school environment. Unfortunately for us Mrs White has decided to explore pastures new and we offer her our very best wishes. Luckily Mrs White will still be with us on a Friday in her role in the office.

Our recent recruitment drive was very successful and we have recruited two incredibly talented new Teaching Assistants to join our team. I am sure that the staff and children as well as our parental community will make Mr Oxley and Mrs Farley very welcome.

## Uniform reminder

Please can I remind you that children should be coming to school in full school uniform and school shoes. On PE days children should be wearing black short/joggers and a white t-shirt.

Occasionally children will wear non-uniform to school if they have been the 'top dojoer' and have chosen that as their privilege.

## Looking ahead – Dates for the diary

Date	Event	You will need....
6 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of spring term	
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 DART education begins	
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Parent/Carer forum	Information to follow
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices Concert Y5/6 Choir	
27 <sup>th</sup> January	National Storytelling Week	
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Chess Tournament	Information to follow
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Chinese New Year	
3-7 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week	
3-7 <sup>th</sup> February	Walk to School Week	
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Time to Talk Day	
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day	
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Smartphone Workshop.	
14 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day	
17 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half Term	

All that remains to be said is a huge thanks for all of your support this term. The staff have been overwhelmed with lovely gifts and while never expected they are very much appreciated.

I hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas break with your lovely children, and we will look forward to seeing you all in 2025!!!

Mrs Smith