



*'To grow and
to flourish'*



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Dear Parents / Carers,

As this is the last newsletter of 2022, I wanted to thank you for the huge amount of support that you have continued to show us throughout this autumn term. We are truly blessed to have a strong school community with such wonderful children. Their attitudes, kindness and resilience are a credit to you. I would also like to thank all of the staff for their hard work and dedication during this term as it is thoroughly deserved - thank you! I wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and hope that the last few weeks in school have brought some joy to parents and children.

Christmas Productions

Our Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas productions were held last week and this week. It was lovely to see so many happy faces performing. The children and staff had worked very hard and we were proud to see the end results. Thank you to all the parents/carers, staff and children for supporting the productions.



Christmas Service and Carol Service

Both the Christmas Service and Carol Service at All Saints Church last week were a great success. The children sang and performed beautifully. Again, the children and staff had worked very hard to bring these events together. For those that attended, we hope you enjoyed the experience.

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Christmas Pantomime

The children really enjoyed the *Jilly Rodgers' Christmas Adventure* pantomime. A big thank you goes to *Cutsyke Christian Church* for providing this experience for the children.



Aged UK

Deborah Hunter, from *Age UK Wakefield District*, came into school to collect nearly 50 Christmas cards that the children had made in school. The cards will be distributed inside *Christmas Cheers Boxes* across Wakefield to old people who are experiencing loneliness.

Featherstone Uniform Bank

The school Worship Council raised money to purchase gifts to support the *Featherstone Uniform Bank*. These will be sent to children across Featherstone, Streethouse and Sharlston. Thank you to children, parents and staff who donated gifts and Mrs. Longley who helped wrap them all.



Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 16th December

We are having our **Christmas Jumper Day** on Friday 16th December; wear a Christmas jumper in exchange for a voluntary donation. All proceeds this year are going to our school fund. The normal school uniform applies; just swap your usual red school jumper or cardigan for a **Christmas Jumper** if you want to take part.

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Apply for a full-time place in Reception

The local authority is still taking applications for school Reception places for the next academic year (2023/24). The online application system opened in early November. The Closing Date for applications is **15th January 2023**. Submitting your application on time is important as a late application may affect your offer of a school place - last year, 94% of on-time applicants were offered a place at their 1st Preference school, compared to only 56% of late applicants. Parents can apply online by visiting:

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-children/schools/admissions/reception>

Staffing

Unfortunately, Mrs. Perry (Reception teacher) will be leaving our teaching team after Christmas. Over the last ten years, she has taught predominately in the Early Years, as well as at times providing mentoring and leadership support. Hopefully, she will enjoy her new teaching role at the *Ackworth School*. I would like to take this opportunity to again wish her all the best - she will be a sad loss to school.

Friday 16th December - School breaks-up for Christmas; early 2.00pm finish.

We return on Tuesday 3rd January.

Monday 2nd January - Bank and Public Holiday (school closed)

On behalf of everyone at All Saints, may I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kind regards, Mr. M. Jones (Head teacher)

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