



Windermere Primary School Newsletter 20th December 2023

A word from the Headteacher

Another busy term has flown by and we have managed to fit a lot in. Children enjoyed performing their Christmas Around the World songs to parents and Reception threw themselves into their nativity.

In assemblies, children have explored ideas around traditions at Christmas and the Christmas story discussing how chaotic, noisy and confusing it may have been at the birth of Jesus and how we can use our senses at this time of year to help us make sense of what is happening and take in all the events around us and in our community. We have celebrated children who have been inclusive of others.

Season's greetings to you all and wishing you a good break and Happy New Year. Children return on Monday 8th January.

Sarah Gilliver

Phonics Workshops for Parents

Miss Clark held a group session for parents of Reception children on how the Little Wandle phonics and reading programme works. Parents were able to explore some of the resources and understand how support at home can be of great benefit to their children. Another session is planned for the Spring Term for those not able to attend. There will also be a workshop for parents whose children are working on the Rapid Catch Up programme on Wednesday 31st January at 9am. Further details will be sent in the new year.

Old Christmas Cards

In our efforts to be more sustainable and environmentally friendly, we would like your donations of old Christmas cards so they can be used to help create next year's garlands that children make. We will have a box for collection in the office in the new year.

Parent Consultations and Reports

For 2024, we will have a switch around of the reports and parent consultations. The second consultation will take place towards the end of the Spring Term, with the reports going out in the Summer Term with an opportunity to discuss them and look at books at a tea party. Further details will be shared in the new year.

Headteacher Hot Chocolate

The following children celebrated their efforts this half term with hot chocolate and a chat with myself.

Well done to:

Ilya, Grace, Olivia, Charlotte, Rhys, Sophie, Adam, Nabeeha, Henry, Nabeelah, Ola, Chloe, William and Tasmiah.

Contact details

Have you changed your mobile number? Do you have a job where you can't access your mobile easily? Have your additional contacts changed since you added them at your child's enrolment? Please check and update us so we can make prompt contact in the event of an emergency.

Ask Your Child...

This is a way to start to discuss your child's learning. You aren't expected to know the answers.

Reception- What is your favourite board game?

Year 1-Can you find 2D and 3D shapes around your home?

Year 2- How did you make your moon buggy?

Year 3-If you made your salsa dip again, what would you change and why?

Year 4-What else would you like to learn how to bake?

Year 5-Why does bread need yeast to rise?

Year 6-What international Christmas greetings do you remember?

Dates for your Diary:

21st December 2023- 5th January 2024 Christmas Holiday

8th January 2024 Children return to school for Spring Term

31st January 2024 Rapid Catch Up Phonics workshop for parents

Parent Consultations TBC Spring Term

Tea Party TBC Summer Term

