



End of Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

WOW! What a busy and exciting half term it has been! Glitter, tinsel, presents, Christmas food and fun. I think everyone (parents included) are looking forward to a much needed and very well-deserved break at Christmas.

Staffing

After 20 years of dedicated service at Red Lane, Mrs Fisher is leaving to take up a new post at a school closer to her home. We wish her all the very best for the future.

We also welcome back Mrs Cromey, Deputy Head of School, who has been on maternity leave and will be teaching in Year 3 from January.

From January, Mr Hudson will continue his role as Head of Inclusion but will be non class based. As part of this role he will lead the Inclusion team and continue to support children and families with aspects such as behaviour, safeguarding, SEN, attendance and wellbeing.

Enrichment

We are excited to be relaunching our curriculum enrichment sessions in school from the Spring term. These sessions support learning in class and also provide new opportunities for pupils. You will find out more about this in Spring term.

Attendance

As per the requirements of the DfE (Department for Education), we will be maintaining our monitoring of attendance. In January, as directed by the Early Intervention Team who are responsible for attendance in Bolton Schools, we will be notifying you of your child's attendance in relation to national expectations. This will be in the form of a red, amber, green grading system. We know it has been a challenging few weeks in terms of illness for both children and staff. We are hopeful that in the new year, as we head into Spring, there will be less illnesses circulating and this will support families with attendance. As always, if you require any support please contact Mrs Barlow or Mr Hudson. Whilst we are required to operate certain policies with regard to attendance we would always prefer to support families facing difficulty if we are able to.

Nativity performances EYFS and KS1

Well done to all involved. The children sung their hearts out and thoroughly entertained their parents, grandparents and friends. We have certainly seen some stars of the future! A big well done and thank you to the staff for all their hard work with this.

Carol Concert

A super performance was given by our KS2 pupils. Beautiful singing was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all the staff, Alfa Music and also Mr McKend for their support.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair, we really do appreciate your help. We can confirm that we raised £1521, which is absolutely fabulous. Look out for details in the new year of how we will be spending this money on the children.



Staff Video

What more is there to say... head over to Facebook for some festive fun. We hope you enjoy!

Thank you

A big thank you to all of our wonderful children who continue to work hard every day and make great progress in their learning. A huge thanks to the staff who have worked so hard in what is always a busy time of year in school. A final thank you to our wonderful families for continuing to support our fantastic school. I have spoken with a number of you over recent weeks and it is lovely to hear the things you have enjoyed over the last term and also your appreciation.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all and welcoming the children back on Monday 9th January at 8.40am.

With best wishes,

Mrs Driver

Head of School

