



# NEWSLETTER



## MRS CLIFF'S COMMENTS

Christmas has been amazing in school this year for all our children as we have been able to welcome parents back into school to join us in our celebrations. We have held our Christmas Fayre and concerts as well as all the children seeing Father Christmas, and receive a present delivery and message from Santa's Elves.

At the beginning of our celebrations, we were overwhelmed with the support from parents for our Christmas Fayre. We have not been able to organise the Fayre for three years so were amazed with how many parents attended and we raised over £1650. We are certainly going to review our stalls and timings next year so that it is not as busy in one space. I was disappointed to miss the concerts last week but from what I hear, all the children performed amazingly and parents enjoyed staying to complete the activities with their children during the Stay and play sessions. I also missed Christmas dinner with the children which is one of my highlights of the year; Mr Horrigan though led the singing and dancing in the dining hall and an enjoyable time was had by all!

Father Christmas has enjoyed coming into school this week to see all of the children as he has visited the classrooms and spoken to the children about being on the 'nice' list, not the 'naughty' list! I know some parents have been disappointed that their children have not been into the grotto, but all the children have received a present and they all really enjoyed listening to the elves sharing their story about Elf school. Our celebrations will come to an end this week with the Church Visits,

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Friday 16th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Break up for Christmas

### Tuesday 3rd January

Children Return for the Spring Term

Reception Pirate Day

### Wednesday 4th January

Young Voices Choir @ Sheffield Arena

### Thursday 5th January

Y4 @ Weston Park

### Monday 16th January

Y4 Bikeability

### Wednesday 18th January

Y3 Bikeability

### Thursday 19th January

Y5 Space Day and Dome Visit

### Tuesday 24th January

Reception Visit to The Deep

### Thursday 26th January

Y5 Stay and Multiply

Y1 Phonics Parent Meeting

### Friday 27th January

Y3 Stay and Read

### Wednesday 1st February

Y6 Air Raid Experience

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where the children hear about the story behind Christmas. The children in Year 5 and 6 read the Christmas story and we all sing Carols in the beautiful St Bartholomew's Church.

As we finish our school celebrations and start celebrations with our own families, I would like to wish all parents and carers a happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

## Assembly

In the new year, we will change the way that we organise assemblies as the number of people in the hall on a Monday and Friday can be overwhelming for some of the younger children in school. From the first week back I will be leading the assembly on a Monday with the EYFS/KS1 and KS2 children separately. On a Friday, we are going to also be splitting the Celebration Assembly into two parts for parents. At 9:00am we will be celebrating the achievements with the EYFS/KS1 children and then at 2:30pm, we will be celebrating the

achievements with the KS2 children. This will be until February half term from which we will then swap and have the older children in the morning and the younger children in the afternoon. All parents are welcome to attend and we look forward to welcoming and sharing in your children's successes.

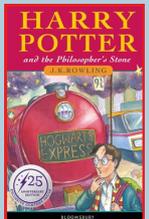
## Office Team

I am pleased to share with you that Mrs Thompson has successfully secured a promotion within the Maltby Learning Trust and after Christmas, will be moving to the central finance team based at the Linx Building. You may have noticed that over the last couple of weeks we have had a new person within the office; Mrs McHale has joined our team and will be fulfilling the role. All queries regarding ParentPay and MyEd need to be directed to Mrs McHale in the future. I am sure that you will welcome her to the Manor family and support her whilst she is getting settled into her role.

## BOOK OF THE MONTH

Mrs Thompson recommends...

Mrs Thompson's favourite book is Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. Every year she tries to read all seven books and follow them up with the films on the eight weeks running up to Christmas. She loves the magic of the book and how you use your imagination creating the characters and scenes. She loves picturing all the adventures Harry and his friends undertake.



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## JOKE OF THE MONTH

**Q: What did Santa Claus's little helpers learn at the school?**

**A: The Elf-abet**

## KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE

Christmas is the time when children receive gifts of phones and tablets and this opens the world of knowledge to the children as well as potential risks. As parents, it is important that we put safeguards in place to ensure that the children are not exposed to any potential risks.

Parental controls are the names for a group of settings that put you in control of what content your child can see and these can help you protect your child from accessing inappropriate content, online grooming and cyberbullying. You can also limit the amount of time your child spends online. For more information as to how to set up the controls, please visit the website below:-

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