



HAGLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

My final newsletter of this calendar year is one that celebrates what has been achieved since the start of the Autumn Term!

Back in September, we began the new year hopeful that the last 2 years of disruption would be well and truly behind us. 90 very young 4 and 5 year old children tentatively said their goodbyes to Mums and Dads and took their first steps towards the start of their 7-year journey at "Big School."

To see the same children perform their nativity story in front of an audience this week was wonderful; thank you for all of your lovely comments and e mails that have been shared with the Reception staff. As I mentioned at the end of the performances each day, the progress that our youngest children have made in terms of how well they have settled in to school is so wonderful to see.

During December, the nativity story was also shared with our amazing Year 2 children. Well done to everyone in Robins, Wrens and Kingfishers for the part they played in last week's performances too.

Whilst our Year 3 children could not perform their Christmas songs at the church to an audience, the children still enjoyed their time down at St Saviour's and this recording is now on the school website for you to see. The Year 3 children also managed to sing to lots of family members by the Lych Gate last week too, and it was lovely that so many parents appreciated being part of this experience. Staying with the Christmas theme, the Year 1 performance is now accessible on the website too, so I hope parents and carers in Puffins, Pelicans and Penguins will enjoy watching the children singing in the Forest. In addition to the children telling the story of the birth of baby Jesus, we have been celebrating the birth of three babies amongst the staff!

Congratulations to Mr Clough in year 5, who has welcomed the arrival of a son Kasper last week, and Mrs Hanson who gave birth to her second child Betsy last weekend. Mrs Ratcliffe has also welcomed her second son Chester a few weeks ago! We send our best wishes and congratulations to the staff and their families.

Despite the restrictions that we have faced this term, the wider experiences of the children in class have not been negatively impacted. The curriculum has remained rich and vibrant, enhanced greatly by trips to Bishops Wood for Year 3 and 4 and the Virtual Reality WW1 day on



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Monday that Year 5 experienced, together with Year 6's visit to Bewdley Museum. We keep everything crossed that the Year 6 postponed residential will go ahead now in January. The Year 2 children have also enjoyed A Polar Express Day! The children in Year 3 have been able to go swimming, Forest School is now fully back up and running with our Forest School Leader, and children across the school have represented HPS at a number of sporting events, from Boccia and Kho Kho, through to Cross Country, Football and Tag Rugby.

The PTA, under its newly formed team, have got off to an absolutely flying start with so many successful events raising around £10,000 in only 3 months! The Christmas market was a real highlight, and we thank all members of the PTA and also family members who have been able to support events by lending a hand or buying tickets etc.

On behalf of the staff in school, I hope that your Christmas plans come to fruition, and that you enjoy the festive season with your loved ones. I thank you for the support you have given to the school this term, and we will look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 5th January ready for the start of the Spring Term, with the eventual promise of lighter evenings and warmer weather ahead!

Kind regards

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