



# CANFORD HEATH INFANT SCHOOL CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

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## Christmas message from the CEO/Executive Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

This time of year is always magical, but what a privilege it is to see the children's excited faces, hear their wonderful singing and watch them count down to the festive season. Admiring the Christmas jumpers, and listening to the excited chatter and harmonious singing over Christmas lunch was a personal highlight for me this year. In what has been another challenging year for all of us, it is wonderful to get back to a little bit of normality, albeit safely.



As Christmas approaches I would like to thank our staff, the children and you, our parents and carers for all of your support over the past year. The festive season is always a time for reflection and the power of human kindness is never taken for granted, particularly over the past few months.

Despite having to adjust our Christmas performance arrangements, the children have done a wonderful job, spreading festive cheer throughout our schools. The children and staff have worked tirelessly, learning their lines, songs and actions with endless enthusiasm. That, sprinkled with sparkling glitter, cotton wool and salt dough has made the countdown to Christmas such a special time of year in the Teach Trust schools.

You will have seen in the media, that Covid measures have stepped up again, and an updated Risk Assessment is available for you to see on our lovely new websites. Of course, I will keep an eye on any new guidance or changes over the festive break, and will contact you if any arrangements for the start of the spring term are required.

Please support us by ensuring that, if your child has symptoms, (or has tested positive within ten days of 4<sup>th</sup> January), that you do not send them back to school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. It would also be so helpful if you were willing to LFD your child before they return to school, to help minimise the risks of further spread. This is obviously voluntary as it stands, but it has proven to be so helpful in protecting our



children and staff. (Please do not PCR/LFD test if your child has already tested positive within the past 90 days). Thank you so much for your support with this.

On behalf of myself, and all of the staff and Trustees, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas; a time for reflection, spending time with your loved ones and most importantly creating wonderful memories and taking time to relax. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

With very best wishes,

*Kate Carter*

Mrs Kate Carter  
CEO/Executive Head Teacher





# Christmas message from the Head of School



Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe that we have finished the first term already- what a successful term it has been! I feel incredibly proud of what the children have achieved already and I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the children learning in class. I loved seeing the children, with their ID badges and binoculars, in role as palaeontologists crawling through tunnels, exploring fossils and hunting for eggs! They were so excited and eager to share everything that they saw and found. In Year 1, I was lucky enough to watch them perform their winter poems. They were absolutely brilliant and read with such enthusiasm. Earlier in the term, I visited the children when they were off on their bus ride around London. They were very keen to share that they had seen the London Eye, Big Ben and the Queen! Year 2 have been working really hard writing their Roald Dahl riddles – I loved guessing who their riddles were about. They have also been busy designing their own fruit smoothies. The children loved sharing their smoothies and tasting each other's.

We were fortunate enough to be able to invite you in to watch our amazing performances. Year 1 worked extremely hard learning their speaking parts, actions and songs – and what a spectacular show it was! Year 2 also took part in their sing-alongs and they were fabulous. It has been so lovely to be able to listen to their singing once again (even if some songs are often on repeat!!)

Our Christmas lunch was a huge success - the children all looked amazing in their Christmas jumpers and thoroughly enjoyed their turkey dinners and packed lunches. We even managed to blast out some Christmas tunes and sing along!!

After Christmas, I am very pleased to tell you that we will be welcoming back our lovely Mrs Hardwicke from her maternity leave. Mrs Hardwicke will be continuing in her role as Inclusion leader and Mrs Short will be returning to the junior school, after she has spent some time handing over. I'd like to thank Mrs Short for all of her hard work whilst she has been supporting at our school. As you already know, Mrs Baker will be leaving us early January to go and have her baby, and Mrs West will be taking over as Lions' class teacher, with Mrs Thorne.

I hope that you are able to enjoy time with your families over the Christmas break, and I truly hope that you all have the most wonderful Christmas!

Best wishes,

Mrs Laurin Palmer  
Head of School



# Christmas message from the Pastoral Care Team

As Christmas approaches and our children become more excited, we would like to take some time to think about some families who may not be as fortunate as others, even more so, due to the current situation. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to **Tesco Tower Park, Poole Foodbank, The Salvation Army and Canford Heath Baby Bank** for helping us to support some of these families during this festive time. We wish you and your wonderful children, a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing all the children next year!

Mrs Rachael Lippitt & Mrs Karen Baylis  
Pastoral Care Worker & ELSA



## Early Years



We had lots of fun in our 'Over the Rainbow' topic. We learnt about colour mixing and we created art work inspired by Jackson Pollock.



We've been busy during 'Discover and Explore' and have enjoyed exploring the different areas.

We loved taking part in the Dino Dig during our 'Land Before Time' topic.



We had a special visit from the Ambulance service, Police, Vets and lots of other people during our 'People Who Help Us' topic.



# Year 1



We created beautiful bonfire night artwork using paint and glitter.



We made some delicious Gingerbread Men – luckily, they didn't run out of the oven!

We enjoyed a visit from a storyteller - we even dressed up as our favourite fairy tale characters!



We had a wonderful tea party as a 'Fab Finish' at the end of our Paddington topic.



# Year 2



As part of Soundstorm's 20-year anniversary, they provided Year 2 with a workshop, where they took them on a musical journey around the world. This was called 'Scary Bones' and a journey 'Around the World in 8 days'



This half term, the children enjoyed using the school ipads to do their own individual research on our various science topics including animals and why they are suited to their habitats.

As part of our 'Globetrotters' topic, the children took part in a trip to Poole Quay, where they completed the Cockle Trail. They learnt about the history and uses of Poole Quay, plus the role of pirates in the past.



We had new play equipment installed over the Autumn Term to encourage the children to stay fit and active. They have loved playing on it!



# Whole School Diary Dates

Spring 1 2022 Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January - Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 Storyteller Big Bad Wolf
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1 Dance & Music Workshop
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	EYFS Grand Ball Dragonflies & Ladybirds 1:30-2:00pm Butterflies & Bumblebees 2:15-2:45pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 Under the Sea Fab Finish
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	EYFS Bikeability
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	EYFS Bikeability Parents Evening 5pm-8pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	EYFS Bikeability Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	EYFS Bikeability
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	EYFS Bikeability Break up for half term

