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## Notes from our Headteacher

Dear Parents

I write to you immediately after coming away from the Primary disco on the last day of term - slightly out of breath from a very energetic YMCA and grinning from ear to ear! If I don't say it enough, I will take this opportunity to tell you that your children are wonderful! I realise that you will already know this, but they are such a pleasure to spend time with; to watch the friendships, the changes in their emotional regulation and - more importantly than all - to watch them enjoying being children... It's just a pleasure to see! The disco is still ongoing as I write and, even those who started feeling overwhelmed by the noise and lights, have managed to venture into the hall for little moments to dance and laugh with their teachers and peers. The teachers here have some real moves...!

After last week's amazing pantomime, the last two weeks have been such a brilliant end to the term and I couldn't be prouder of the students - not only those who were in the pantomime, but all those who weren't, who still managed to cope with the changes in school and to their lessons as a result.

As you know, we are working on the Winter reports, to come out to you after Christmas. I hope in these you will see a reflection of your child's progress this term as well as updates on the core subjects of English, Maths and Science. Next term will see the parents' evenings taking place and we have already been thinking hard about how to make these smoother in case we have to do

them online again. We will of course keep you posted on this as we move through the term.

Although this has been a long term, your children have done themselves proud - they are no doubt ready for a break now and I do hope that you and yours are able to enjoy one another's company over the holiday period and get some much needed rest and relaxation.

Thanks go to all of you for your continued support to keep us and your children safe and well.

Take good care and we will see you in the New Year.

**Beth Elkins**

Headteacher

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**Monday 20th December - Monday 3rd January**

## Christmas Break

**Tuesday 4th January - Wednesday 5th January**

Teacher training days

**Thursday 6th January**

Students return to school

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### **Oliver - A Twist of a Panto**

Kate and Emma want to congratulate all of their wonderful cast and the production team for a tremendous effort in pulling off a *fantastic* show. Everyone worked really hard in extremely challenging times and we now wish everyone a well earned relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break!

Videos will hopefully be available for purchase in the new year. For now, here are just a few images from our Wednesday performance, we will include more in the newsletter following the Christmas break;



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## Christmas Jumper Day

Staff and students enjoyed dressing up in their festive get up for Christmas Jumper Day last Friday 10th December. Even Sherlock got dressed up for the occasion!

We are pleased to say we raised £51 for Save The Children.

Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated.

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## Super Science

Here's a great picture of Imogen from Steinbacher using the science labs new toy! Learning all about static electricity.

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Brent Class wanted to just put a smile on everyone's face for the last day!

Alex wanted to complete the challenge of how many bibs he could put on! He has made a record of 102 bibs! Alex is now proud to own a Gretton jacket for his prize.

Brent also enjoyed their Christmas dinner together last week.

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## Wreath Making

Staff enjoyed a well-being wreath making session recently, ran by Mrs Brocklebank. The results were wonderful!

Thank you to all who attended this fun afternoon of crafting.



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Here are some updated pics on our outdoor classroom, it's coming along nicely!

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## **Pilgrim light switch on**

Pilgrim Class welcomed a special VIP visitor to class this week to switch on their Christmas lights.

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## **Jared delivers!**

Jared was very excited on Wednesday 15th December, it was the day he could open his post box and deliver everyone's Christmas cards!

It was no small task, he took to it like a true professional ensuring not one card was left behind.

Well done Jared, a fantastic effort to spread some festive cheer in the final week of term!

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## Newton hit the ice

On Tuesday 14th December, Newton Class went on a skating trip to the Cambridge North Pole.

A wonderful time was had by all.

Mr Gamble, Form Tutor, said : *"we are all so proud of them and how great they were as a group, as well as individuals, going through their own challenges but pushing through. Big smiles all around the group."*

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## **Banneker hit the ice**

Banneker Class had a great Christmas trip last week.

They went ice-skating and the students seemed to really enjoy it, despite

having some wobbles. By the end of the session, they asked if they could stay for longer!

They had lunch at Pizza Hut and one of the students said they 'enjoyed socialising' found the day 'fun but also educational' - that is high praise!

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### **Just a tad festive...**

This has been worked on by students and staff, over two days, for the 'judge the classroom' competition!

Ms Overton and Mrs Wickham spent time going from class to class to judge their winning room. Harman Class and Mr William's Class room in 6th Form were the joint winners.

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## **Festive Art work**

Reuben from Brent:

Jonas from Brent:

Nico from Brent:

Adam from Brent:

Toby from Brent:

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## FREE online events and groups



Sessions are currently all online and booking is easy via our [events page](#). Our upcoming events for January:

**7th January, 10am-12pm: Pinpoint Parent Carer Tii Hub.** Book [here](#).

**10th January, 10am-12pm: Autism and Empathy.** Book [here](#).

**11th January, 8-9.30pm: SENDads & Mums Group.** Book [here](#).

**12th January, 10am-12pm: Outside the Box 1 of 4 – Labels and parenting pressures.** Book [here](#).

**14th January, 10am-12pm: Pinpoint Parent Carer Tii Hub.** Book [here](#).

**17th January, 10am-12pm: Autism and Siblings.** Book [here](#).

**19th January, 10am-12pm: Outside the Box 2 of 4 – Parenting styles, needs and mindfulness.** Book [here](#).

**21st January, 10am-12pm: Pinpoint Parent Carer Tii Hub.** Book [here](#).

**24th January, 10am-12pm: Challenging Behaviour session with Centre**

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**26th January, 10am-12pm: Outside the Box 3 of 4 – Understanding behaviour, language and encouragement.** Book [here](#).

**26th January, 10am-12pm: Yvonne Newbold – How to help and support a demand avoidant child.** Book [here](#).

**28th January, 10am-12pm: Pinpoint Parent Carer Tii Hub.** Book [here](#).

All of these sessions will be held online. Zoom links to join will be sent from Eventbrite 2 days before and again 2 hours before the start of each session. Please do check your junk mail as they sometimes end up there! Thank you.

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Free swim and lunch for eligible families - follow this link:

<https://www.acleisure.com/swimming/swim-and-lunch/>

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