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## Head of Primary News

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so heart-warming to watch the Christmas Productions that have taken place throughout this week. As a staff, we feel hugely proud of our students and how engaged and enthusiastic they have been when rehearsing and performing. After a challenging couple of years, we have just been so pleased to be able to share these special moments with you and have everything crossed that in the New Year we will be able to get you into school even more often! We are very fortunate that we are not yet full at either KAB or KAO so this means we have lots of space and can organise smaller productions with less parents watching; we know other local schools have not been this fortunate. I would like to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to our teachers and staff who have worked hard on these wonderful performances. Your kind words at the door or via email means so much to them.

I am really looking forward to the Reception Class productions on Monday 13th followed by Christmas Lunch and Jumper day on Tuesday 14th and class parties on Thursday 16th. Christmas Jumpers are to be worn with uniform instead of a cardigan or school jumper. Also our after school 'Sleepy Storytime Event' with the PTA - staff have their pyjamas at the ready!

Please remember your donation for Christmas Jumper Day as we are hoping to raise as much money as possible for our wonderful charities: Alexander Devine Children's Hospice and Cancer Research UK. Children can bring a donation in with them or you can donate through Schoolcomms. Please do give as much as you are able; these two charities are very close to our hearts and have directly supported our families.

A huge thank you must be said to the members of the PTA who have provided refreshments for parents at 8 productions so far with 2 more next week. Thank you for making the productions feel extra special!

This is the last newsletter of the term so I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Best wishes

Jacqueline Tate  
Head of Primary

### Useful Dates:

**Monday 13th December** - Reception Class Performance at KAB and KAO

**Tuesday 14th December** - Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day (charity donations)

**Thursday 16th December** - Class Parties at KAB and KAO (bring party clothes in a bag)

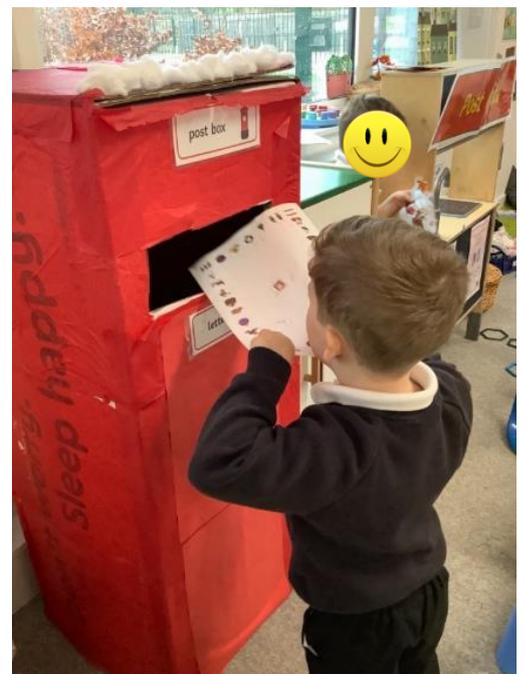
**Friday 17th December** - End of term at 12:15pm

**Wednesday 5th January** - Return to school

## Ruby Class

Ruby class were absolute superstars in their Christmas Extravaganza on Monday. They have worked so hard to learn the songs over the last few weeks and sung their hearts out during the show. We are very proud of them all!

We have been getting very festive in the classroom too as we decorated the tree and wrapped presents to put underneath. We have a post office in our role play area and have been busy writing letters to Father Christmas and posting the letters in our post box. Outside we have been busy in Santa's workshop, helping to make and mend lots of toys and using our wonderful imagination to build Santa's sleigh. The children are already very excited for our Sleepy Story Time and class party next week and we look forward to celebrating a fabulous first term together.



## Emerald Class

Emerald Class have had a fabulously festive couple of weeks. The festive season began with the arrival (on a wonderfully snowy morning!) of a cheeky little Elf sent from Father Christmas, who the children decided to call 'Sparkles'. He left a Christmas tree and decorations in the room and Emerald Class decorated our classroom beautifully. They've been excited to come in every morning to find Sparkles and to see what news he has brought from the North Pole and we are pleased to report that all the children are on Santa's good list! The children have been having great fun writing lists, making presents and wrapping them in our Santa's workshop.

Emerald Class have been working so hard and having lots of fun rehearsing our Christmas performance 'Forgetful Santa' and we can't wait to perform it on Monday. I am so incredibly proud of all of them for how brilliantly they have learnt the songs, lines and stage directions.

Last week, Frank brought in a fabulous volcano he had made at home which we had a wonderful time erupting. We had a whole morning learning about volcanoes, something the class are very interested in at the moment after hearing about the volcano in La Palma that erupted.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year!

**Word of the week (last week):** Festive

**Word of the week:** Ecstatic



## Opal Class

Opal class have had such a fun and festive time this week, rehearsing and performing their nativity play. The whole class did SUCH a fantastic job and they were all superstar performers! I am so proud of the whole class! In English, we have finished our information texts on hibernation. I have been so impressed with how much thought and effort the children have put into their writing. We have also started to read and learn 'There's an Elf in your book' which the children (and myself!) have just loved.

In Science this week, we have been practising and performing our weather reports. The children all worked in groups and used their knowledge of Autumn and Winter to create and film their very own weather report. They even had tips for what clothes would be best to wear. All the children enjoyed recording their reports in front of a green screen; the whole class felt like real reporters! In RE, we have been learning about the Christmas story and the class did a great job at re-telling the story. We have also been thinking about what Christmas traditions there are and how Christmas can be celebrated.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

**Word of the week (last week):** Compassionate

**Word of the week:** Respectful



## Topaz Class

Topaz class have worked so hard to perform their nativity play this week and they did an absolutely wonderful job - there is nothing like a KS1 Christmas Performance to put us all in the festive mood! In between all of their rehearsals and performances, they have continued to work hard in lessons and wrote the most wonderful newspaper reports on the events and causes of the Great Fire of London. We are currently ageing paper in order to write letters in character as children (from London in 1666) next week. They have also built a model of Pudding Lane substituting the wooden buildings with cardboard and creating the tudor style using white and black paper. We will be placing our buildings close together and burning it very soon to notice how the fire spreads (some of the children are hoping for a strong easterly wind to add some more authenticity).

In maths, the children have been learning about the value of the different coins and notes. Selecting coins and notes to make different amounts and beginning to practise paying and getting change. We will carry on with this, adding a festive theme, next week and completing our end of term maths assessments.

**Word of the week (last week):** exchange

**Word of the week:** nativity

