

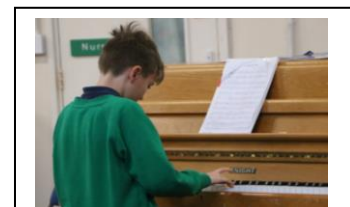


20th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Before we finish for the holidays today I wanted to provide an update from the last week or so – always such a busy but enjoyable time in school.

Last Tuesday we had two piano concerts so that all the students could play for their parents and the rest of the school and they did a fantastic job. We are very grateful to Cynthia Millinger, who teaches all our piano students, for organising the concerts for us all to enjoy.



We also all enjoyed watching the children in Nursery and Reception performing in their show, 'A snowman at sunset' last week. There was a dress rehearsal to the whole school followed by two performances for parents. The children did a fantastic job learning lots of words and actions and performed so confidently for such young children. Well done Nursery and Reception.

The Christmas Fair was very busy on 9th December – thank you for coming along to support this key event. We really appreciate all the efforts of the PA team and are very grateful for the funds being raised for school.



What a lovely whole school trip to see Rapunzel at the SandPit theatre yesterday. It was a great show and the children really enjoyed it - lots of booing and cheering in all the right places! Nursery made the most of us all being out of school and used the hall for their end of term celebrations.

We had to take the beautiful decorations off the tree yesterday so that we could return them to you to add to your trees at home. We also had to decide on a winner for each class – such a tricky job. I have just announced the winners in our last assembly for the term – a lovely festive singing assembly with actions and including my favourite 'Twelve days of Christmas'.



Sports events: There have also been so many sporting fixtures taking place that Mr Wootton and the Sports Council will be producing a separate sports update for you that will come out in the New Year.

Dates

Next term starts on Thursday 4th January at 8.45 am. Half-term is from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February. We finish for the Easter holidays on Wednesday 27th March at 1.30pm. Attendance will continue to be a big focus in the term ahead and no holiday outside of term time can be authorised.

We have also organised our next KS1 maths workshop led by Mrs DuPlessis. This will explain how we teach maths in Year 1 & 2 and will take place on Thursday 11th January at 9am. We would love to see you there so please do put the date in your diary.

Finally, I want to wish all our families a very enjoyable and relaxing Christmas holiday. The children have all worked hard and I know are ready for a rest, as I am sure you are too.

Sharon Barton
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