

Dear Parents,

First of all I have to say a huge thank you for the generous and lovely Christmas gifts that I have received. Your time, kindness and generosity are very much appreciated

We have had a busy and fabulously festive few weeks in Class 2. We have learnt lots of wonderful new things and we have had lots of fantastic experiences. We have been completing some maths work on 2D and 3D shapes, we have been upskilling sentences and we have also been learning about hibernation. Some of the many festive highlights have been our trip to the Harewood Estate, The Nativity, our Christmas party and a wonderful day of dancing and PE on the apparatus today. I think we have really got into the festive spirit throughout the whole of advent with the trip to St George's and Frosty Fest earlier in the month too and of course the daily exploits of Carl the elf and his new little side-kick Snowball! And most importantly the unforgettable production of Aladdin which just blew me away. I hope it has been a fun-filled and magical time for the children!

Here is some information about the new term that will begin on Monday 6th January 2025.

We will have a slight change to PE days to Mondays and Fridays (rather than Tuesday and Friday) and new and exciting topics to learn about. Our new history topic will be about The Great Fire of London, which is always a very popular topic with the children. We will also be learning about animals with Mrs Watts in our new science topic on pets. English lessons will focus on traditional tales including Hansel and Gretel, riddles and non-fiction about The Great Fire of London.

Homework will be sent home on Thursday to be completed by the following Thursday and spellings will be tested on Mondays for Year 1 children and Wednesdays for Year 2 children.

Children will read their book to a member of staff at some point throughout the week and as such should have their book and reading record with them in school every day. Parents should listen to their child read at least three times a week.

We will also be mentoring a student teacher for the first 10 weeks of the new year. She is called Miss Ali and is joining us for her second-year teacher training placement.

May I also remind parents about the need to label all uniform, coats, packed lunch boxes and water bottles with your child's name. Lost property is an issue for staff and parents alike. It is expensive and annoying for you to have to keep replacing lost items and it also very difficult for us to keep track of so many items when lots of it is not clearly labelled with names. If your child does take home an incorrect item in error, please return it to school and let us know so that we can return it to its rightful owner.

Finally, I hope you all have an amazing Christmas and a very happy new year. I am looking forward to seeing you all in 2025 after a much needed rest! Thank you again for the kind and generous gifts.

Merry Christmas and best wishes!

From

Mrs Dodd