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# Newsletter 5

19<sup>th</sup> December 2018

## Christmas Concerts and In Harmony

This December we have been able to enjoy so many wonderful events in and out of school and celebrate the talents of all of our children.

Recently children across school have: sung at Morley Town Hall, performed in Christmas concerts, delivered musical recitals and performed ballet routines. Also – children enjoyed their Christmas dinner, Christmas parties, visited Abbey House Museum, the Theatre and watched a pantomime.

I have been amazed by how well the children have performed, the level of respect they have shown for their instruments and the support the children provide for each other during each performance. Thank you to all of the staff in school and the In Harmony team for making all of this happen. We are very lucky.

Thank you to the parents too – your support is invaluable and your children are a joy to work with.

## Breakfast bagels

Beginning on the 14<sup>th</sup> January all children will be able to grab a breakfast before school starts. Toasted bagels will be served by Miss Seavers and Mrs Shea from the Rainbow Room door from approx. 8.35am to 8.50am. Children will not have to enter school for the bagel they will be able to 'grab' them from the playground. Breakfast club will continue as normal.

We are proud to be a National School Breakfast Programme school.

## In-vacuation & Lockdown

Both school and the Children's Centre have been working to finalise In-vacuation and lockdown procedures. We will share agreed arrangements in the New Year.

## 17<sup>th</sup> Jan - party lunch day

On the 17<sup>th</sup> the school kitchen will be preparing a party menu, including: pizza, sandwiches, crisps and ice-cream. All children who receive a school dinner will enjoy this feast. Children who bring a packed-lunch can choose to have the lunch too – letter to follow.

## Great Progress

This week national data was produced to show that our school is placed in the top 25% of schools in the country based on the amount of progress our children make from Reception to Year 6. We are extremely pleased with this news and very proud of all the children who work incredibly hard to achieve fantastic results – well done.

Thank you to all the staff who work extremely hard to help children achieve to the best of their abilities.

## Governors

Here is a list of current school governors:

- Simon Gray (Chair)
- Neil Rhodes (Vice Chair)
- Janet Walker (Staff Governor)
- Stacey Logan
- Lucy Knight
- Faye Pashby
- Charlotte Taylor
- Amanda Lambert (Parent Governor)
- Notty Changwe-Dube (Parent Governor)

Sadly, Heather Phillips, a school governor since school opened in 2007, passed away in October. During Heather's tenure as a school governor she led the resources sub-committee and was chair of governors between 2015 and 2017. Our thoughts are with Heather's family.

## 100% attendance

131 children have achieved 100% attendance from September to December – well done if you are 1 of the 131. The lucky winner of the £50 ASDA is Isabella Page.

So far, our overall attendance is the best it has ever been. Well done everyone. School attendance currently stands at 96%.

Remember 20 children who still have 100% attendance by Easter 2019 will be entered into a raffle to receive £5 and anyone with 100% on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018 will receive £10.

## Merry Christmas and a Prosperous 2019

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

This term has been extremely busy and the children have achieved so much. All of the staff are looking forward to an even more successful 2019. Enjoy your break and see you back at school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Mr. G. German