



**Merry Christmas and a
Happy New year.**

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Christmas fayre and nativity.

It was lovely to have so many parents, families and friends join us here at school for our fayre, which was full of exciting stalls and activities, and to our super special primary nativity, which really put us in the mood for Christmas.



We hope you enjoyed your time with us



Class off-site visits.

Classes have been to the pantomime, Christmas shopping at the German markets in Nottingham, the Snowdome at Tamworth and to Twin Lakes in Leicestershire. We have been celebrating and experiencing Christmas in different styles and cultures. What an exciting time we have shared.

Some of these experiences followed on from the secondary department's European Christmas work in their lessons and in their Moving On modules.



CP sports.

We sent a small team to the Cerebral palsy Sports in Nottingham in November- and the team did us proud! They not only participated and gave it their all - but came back the proud owners of gold medals. Well done Pierce, Komal, Arbaz, Emily, Adam, and Umar,

Macmillan presentation.

From the sale of samosas, and cakes and half the proceeds from the 24 hour walk, Ivy House School presented the Macmillan Unit with a cheque for £1300. Thank you to all families, staff and friends who supported this fundraising.



M & S presentation.

We were also delighted to receive a recent donation from Marks and Spencers. Staff at the branch had run cycled and collected funds. We were presented with over £1260, which will go to supporting our playground developments.

Thank you.

We also want to thank all the businesses that have supported our raffles and Funds for Fun projects. The Funds for Fun team will send out more information in the New Year.

Pool.

Swimming at Ivy House Hydro-pool. We run a range of events in our pool including lifeguard training qualifications, family swims, swimming lessons and also splash parties.

For more information contact the team at:

ivyhousepool@hotmail.co.uk.

Information update.

Please make sure you give school any changes of telephone numbers etc, so we can amend our records for contact, and ensure that you are contactable in case of emergencies. Thank you. This will be especially important if the weather is bad over the next couple of months.



Staff updates.

We welcome to school next term :- Ashleigh Collins to work in Sapphires, Laura-Jane Harrison to work 2 days in Rubies and 1 day in Calke, Natalie Milbourne to work 2 days in Emeralds and 1 day in Sudbury, and Emma Thornewill to do 4 days in Diamonds. Welcome to our school team.

Communication update.

Thank you to all those parents and family who have joined the communication workshops so far. Please keep looking for workshop opportunities that are available.



Coffee morning.

Thank you to all parents who came to join the parent coffee mornings, and to Maureen Lammond for organising them. If you have not yet been, please look out for the next invitation. You can always bring another family member with you.



Clothing etc returns.

Please could you look over the Christmas break for any school clothes, bibs, towels, swim kits etc or even shoes that we have sent home as spares with your child, ready to send back in the new term?

We are getting quite short of certain sizes. If you find you have a few spares your son or daughter has outgrown these would also be welcomed.

Thank you.

General information.

Return to school meetings:

If your son or daughter has surgery or a prolonged absence due to illness we will want to meet with you to do a return to school, to ensure we have everything in place for them. This will be **before** they return. Please contact us for this meeting as soon as you know they are returning to school. A class member, the school nurse and possibly physiotherapy support will be present. These meetings are invaluable to your child.

Annual reviews:

The reviews will continue to run throughout the spring and into summer term next year on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Please reply immediately if the allocated time really is not convenient as we struggle to swap them round last minute. We have nearly 100 meetings to run so timings are crucial. Thank you

Absence

Parents are required to ring school and leave a message or speak to a staff member on the first day of any **routine** absence for their child. Thank you for your co-operation. This helps us to know if there are specific illnesses within school also.

Inset dates to note:

Our inset training day in January when school is closed to pupils is Friday 24th January 2014. We have a range of activities that day and we will be exploring developing our curriculum.

Other inset dates when school is closed are Friday 28th March and Monday 2nd June 2014.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We want to thank you for all your support and involvement in school. Best wishes for 2014.

