

### Message from Mrs Painter

**Christmas Celebrations:** Our Christmas parties were a huge success! The children had an amazing time, filled with laughter, games, and festive treats. It was heart-warming to see the joy on their faces as they celebrated together.

**The Nativity Film:** The entire school came together to watch the film, The Nativity, and it was a truly magical experience. Our older children did a fantastic job supporting the younger ones, ensuring everyone could sit and watch in comfort. Their teamwork and kindness were truly commendable.

**Fire Drill:** This week, we conducted a fire drill, and we are pleased to report that the children managed exceptionally well. Their calm and orderly behaviour ensured the drill was completed smoothly and safely.

**Phonics Training:** Our teachers have been receiving further training from Sarah Jerman, a phonics and Early Years specialist. This training is part of our ongoing commitment to improving literacy skills, which remains one of our key priorities. We will soon be announcing dates for additional phonics parent meetings, so please stay tuned for more information.

**Festive Singing:** To end the week on a high note, every year group from Nursery to Year 6 gathered around the Christmas tree to sing marvellous songs. The children's voices filled the air with festive cheer, creating a truly magical atmosphere.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday season and look forward to seeing you in the new year!

### Celebration Assemblies

Every Friday we all gather in the hall to celebrate the many achievements of the children both in and out of school. From Term 3, there will be a small change to the assemblies. As a staff team, we would like to focus more on our vision of *Aspire, Achieve, Grow* as well as our six values of Kindness, Honesty, Responsibility, Respect, Unity and Trust and are no longer going to be using BLP/BLP Dudes. Therefore, each week, teachers will choose a star of the week from their class, linked to our vision and values and they will receive a specially printed certificate to take home with them. Here is what it will look like!



We hope that parents and children alike will love this change and the new certificates.

### Crochet Club

Well done to some of our crocheters, they have been busy making Christmas decorations during last term.



### Friends of Red Oaks

Many thanks for all your support. FORO have reported that the firework display raised a whopping £3,770.54 and the Christmas Fayre raised £1,136.26 for the school. We will report back with what we will be spending the money on. A big thank you to the FORO Team.

### Upcoming Dates

**6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - School reopens at 8.30am**

28<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - Multiplication Tables Check Meeting at 3.00pm

