



The Craylands School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I can not believe that we are already a third of the way through this academic year!

It has truly been a couple of festive weeks here at Craylands with lots of fantastic performances by the children. Yesterday, we had our KS2 Christmas Carol Concerts and I hope that you agree the children did extremely well. There are lots of words in some of those songs, yet they sang beautifully as ensembles as well as in the duets and solo parts. Some of the children took a risk singing on their own—what Craylearners they are as I think each performance was great. There were also readings and a special ballet recital—a big thank you to Mrs Johnson and the children for spending their lunch times rehearsing this. Thank you also to Mrs Roddan for playing the piano and Mr Dymott for organising.

As well as the concerts in school, a select group of children attended the local residential care home to sing some Christmas carols to the elderly. Thank you to Mrs Drake and Mrs Farrell for attending with them and for the children, who I am sure made those at the care home's day.

On Monday, EYFS had a visit from the 'Shooting Stars' Theatre Company who performed 'Looking for Santa in Nursery Land' for the children. Even Santa himself made an appearance. The rest of the school saw 'Dick Whittington' by West End Theatre Company. I'm glad to say that the children enjoyed it... 'Oh no they didn't... Oh yes they did!' Sorry, false of habit!

Also on Monday, there was a delectable display of multi-cultural food on offer on the playground; many thanks to those of you who spent your precious time (certainly at this busy time of year) preparing, cooking and baking. We certainly saw many full plates being eaten. Again, thanks goes to Mr Dymott for arranging.

At this time of year, there are lots of things that happen behind closed doors that those who don't work in a school get to see. It is an extremely busy time of year and I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the staff for their hard work this year, especially in the past few weeks. It makes it even more difficult when illness and personal circumstances hit teaching staff, as it has done in some cases recently; the fantastic team of teaching assistants we have here at Craylands as well as supply staff, rise to the challenge here, ensuring that everything that needs to happen does so. We couldn't do our jobs without them and I thank them very much indeed. A big thank you to Mrs Johnson, who takes the mantle when I am not available—it is very much appreciated.

I'd also like to thank the Pupil & Parent Support Team who have been working hard to ensure that the children remain happy at this time of year, as well as welcoming everyone on the gate in the morning with a happy disposition.

I must also thank you as parents and carers for all your support at the many concerts, performances and assemblies that we have had this week and last. The children really do appreciate seeing you there—it makes it all the more special for them.

On that note, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all on the 3rd January.

Mr Hiscock—Headteacher

Upcoming Events

3/1/19	1st day back of term 3
24/1/19	Morpurgo Class Assembly 9am
8/2/19	PTA Quiz Night (more details to follow)
14/2/19	Horowitz Class Assembly 9am

Reminders

- Please do not park in the parking bays. This area is designed to be a drop-off zone in the mornings.

Many thanks.