



Head's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by thanking all of our parents, carers, staff and friends for their magnificent efforts in making the Christmas Fair such a success. It was a very well attended, festive and fun-filled occasion. Highlights included: Santa's Grotto; tasty Christmas treats; a lively Christmas sing along; and a wide range of stalls and games. Many people gave up their own time to organise and run the fair and, as a result, we have managed to raise over one thousand pounds for the children in school. We are very grateful to each and every person who contributed to this day. The fair was swiftly followed by the PTA Fashion and Fizz Evening which proved to be a tremendous success and raised a further one thousand pounds towards school funds. Thanks to your support in attending these events, we can continue to provide additional learning resources and experiences for your children. Please do consider getting involved with the PTA who, despite this success, is desperate for more volunteers. The next meeting will take place during the afternoon early in January – the exact date and time is yet to be confirmed but watch this space.

This week, the children have starred in the Nativity – *The Magical Christmas Jigsaw*. They deserve huge congratulations for their outstanding performances and it was a delight to see the children bring the true meaning of Christmas to life with such enthusiasm and joy. Thank you to the KS1 staff who worked so brilliantly, as a team, to deliver a top notch show. Most important of all, the children loved every minute of practising, and performing, and commented:

- *I enjoyed singing a solo and all the songs!* - Evie
- *When I was acting, I liked making people laugh!* - Harry
- *It was exciting being on the stage* - Stanley
- *It was fun when we got to wear our costumes* - Ellie



We must also thank Mrs Richardson who baked a range of home baked goods to enjoy after each performance. She also provided hot food for both the Christmas Fair and the Fashion and Fizz night. She has another busy week ahead as we continue to celebrate Christmas with the whole school Christmas lunch. The children will be served a traditional Christmas dinner by all the staff and enjoy crackers, hats and musical entertainment. **Please note, due to unforeseen circumstances, we have now changed the day of the Christmas lunch from Thursday 14th to Friday 15th December.** We will text all parents a reminder of this change of date.

Today, you will have received a letter containing all the details of the pantomime visit planned for **Wednesday 13th December**. We are looking forward to seeing John Barrowman star in the title role of Dick Whittington in this magical adventure tale. Dick and his faithful feline pal head to London to seek fame and fortune. Guided by the magical Fairy Bow Bells, this action packed adventure takes him from London to Morocco – with laughter, music and dance along the way! We are very excited to experience this now annual tradition of the Christmas Pantomime.

Early next week, we will be decorating the Christmas tree and singing carols to remind us of the birth of Christ. Please remember to bring your bauble for the tree!

KS2 will also be planning the Carol Service, which will take place in church, at 1.30pm on Thursday 21st December. Please join us for this special service as this very busy term comes to a close and we give thanks for the precious gift of Christ.

Warm wishes, Mrs C Garner



Extra-Curricular Activities

Week commencing: 11th December only

Mon	Netball	Years 5 and 6
Tues	Girls Football	Years 5 and 6
Wed	No Clubs due to Pantomime	
Thurs	Football Club	Years 4, 5 and 6
Thurs	Ethos Committee	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Thurs	Recorder Club	Years 4, 5 & 6
Thurs	Rugby Club	Years 4, 5 and 6

w/c 11th Dec - due to the very dark evenings, clubs taking place outside will finish at 4pm.

Please note: there will be no after school clubs week commencing 18th December except Judo.

Christmas Dinner – Friday 15th December

Please note that Christmas Dinner will now be served on Friday 15th December, **not** Thursday 14th December as previously notified. This change of date will affect the children on packed lunches who have booked a Christmas Dinner.

Edenfield Parish Church presents

Christmas Around the World Exhibition 2017

The local community has come together to create beautiful displays of how Christmas is celebrated across the world. Edenfield School has produced a wonderful German Display. Please call in Church to enjoy this festival and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Free Entry.

Opening Times: Thursday 14th Dec – 11am-7pm

Friday 15th Dec – 11am-5pm

Saturday 16th Dec – 10.30am-5pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 13 th Dec	Christmas Pantomime 1pm
Fri 15 th Dec	Christmas Dinner
Weds 18 th Dec	Flu Vaccinations in school for years R, 1, 2, 3 and 4
Tue 19 th Dec	Christmas Party (Juniors)
Wed 20 th Dec	Christmas Party (Infants)
Thur 21 st Dec	Christmas Service in Church 1.45pm
Thur 21 st Dec	School closes early for Christmas Break – see Christmas Service letter
Mon 8 th Jan 2018	School reopens after Christmas Break
Mon 5 th Feb	Parent/Carer meeting for Tower Wood residential trip (Y5/Y6)

STARS OF THE WEEK

Friday 1st December

Reception Class: Hollie Tozer, Harrison Watson-Hoy, Huey Formby

Class 1: Sebastian Wall, All of Class 1

Class 2: India Boodeea, Evie Scully, Ellie Holt

Class 3: Lille Cryne, Ruby McAllister

Class 4: Isabella Meager, Amelie Hope

Class 5: Alex Butcher, Olivia Mitchard

Class 6: Francine Power, Jeremy Nuttall

Friday 8th December

Reception Class: Poppy Kier, Freya Scully, Caleb Paul, All of Class Reception

Class 1: Oscar Bennet, William Johnston, All of Class 1

Class 2: Jake Parkinson, George Cotton, All of Class 2

Class 3: Mishel Choudhury, Kate Wild

Class 4: Henry Ellis, Neve Fahey

Class 5: Grace Newton, Ronnie Wilson

Class 6: Daisy Grocott, Ella Edwards

Christmas Parties

Children may come in their own clothes on Christmas party days. Please ensure they are wearing sensible footwear for outdoor breaks.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will take place in school for years R, 1, 2, 3 and 4 on Wednesday 18th December.

School Calendars

The PTA are selling school calendars, £6 for one or £10 for two. Please see letter for order form and details.

Thought of the Week

*The greatest gift of all is free
Jesus is God's gift to you and me!*