



# Family News

December 2014

## A Note from the Principal

Dear All,

I'm really pleased that, on the whole, this term has been very **successful**, and I have received lots of **positive feedback** about events in school.

I'm very excited about the **Christmas Plays** and I'm sure you can't wait to see them like me. They are sure to get us all into the Christmas spirit ready for the holidays! Just to remind you that our **Carol Service** at St Thomas Church is on **Friday 19th December at 11.00am**, and parents who attend will be able to return to school with children and take them home if you wish. Children still at school can be collected from **1.15pm** at their normal exit.



I'd like to wish you all a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**, and I hope 2015 will continue to bring lots more **fantastic achievements** at our Academy. Stay safe, and **thank you for all of your support** - long may this continue!

Mrs Westley

## Reminders

- \* All children need full uniform, including **school shoes** and **ties**.
- \* Please make sure your child has a **coat** with them every day
- \* **Wellies** are great for walking to school, but please make sure your child brings some shoes to change into.
- \* For **PE** children need to bring their normal PE kit and also some tracksuit bottoms and trainers for outside.
- \* **Classes** will send out parts for plays and costume lists - please make sure to send in **costumes** for dress rehearsals - dates will be sent out from classes
- \* **Party food** slips will be sent out from classes - please send in on Thursday 18th December

# Thank You!

For all of your support with the Christmas Fayre! The PFA have raised **over £750** which will be used to **help fund school trips** which reduces the amount you pay, and for extra treats and activities for the children. We will let you know the amazing final amount after Christmas when the disco has taken place!



# Merry Christmas!



## Governors Corner

Christmas is nearly here! I'm sure you're all looking forward to the festive season and the celebrations. Can I take this opportunity to **thank all the staff** for all their hard work? I'm sure the Christmas productions will be excellent as usual! Last week's **Christmas Fayre** raised a significant amount and again it's thanks to the staff and the children and thanks to you for supporting the event. The academy wouldn't achieve as well as it does without the support from you- the parents. Your **support is valued** by the staff and of course, your children benefit as well.

This term has seen the academy introducing **Latin** into the curriculum. The children have been excited by this and already Mrs Vaughan can see the impact it's having on the children's literacy skills. **Birmingham University** are very interested in supporting the academy with this and Mrs Vaughan is meeting regularly with the university.

The children have been focusing on being "**kind**" this term, and have been sharing with the staff examples of when they've been kind or made the **right choices**. As usual the children have **responded very positively to this**.

Next term Governors will be looking at where it wants the academy to be in **three years** and how we will move to be an **outstanding** school. I believe we're well on that journey!

**Enjoy your break** and lets have a good start to the spring term.

Mrs P Hunt  
Chair of  
Governors



### Dates for your Diary

#### December 2014

**12th** - Christmas Jumper day - £1 Donation for Save the Children

**12th** - End of Term Achievement Assembly - 9.00am

**12th** - Christmas Disco -

FS and KS1 = 3.15pm- 4.15pm

KS2 = 5.00pm - 6.00pm

**15th** - Foundation Stage Christmas Play 2.00pm

**16th** - Foundation Stage Christmas Play 10.45am

**16th** - KS2 (Y3-Y6) Christmas Play – 1.30pm

**16th** - KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Christmas Play – 6.00pm

**17th** - KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Christmas Play – 2.00pm

**17th** - KS2 (Y3-Y6) Christmas Play – 6.00pm

**18th** - Christmas Parties in class

**19th** - Christmas Carol Service 11.00am

**19th** - Break up for Christmas at **1.15pm**

#### January 2015

**5th** - Back to School after Christmas Break - Start of Spring Term

**12th** - Inset Day – Academy closed to children

**28th** - Parents Evening 3.00pm - 6.30pm