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## MALPAS ALPORT ENDOWED PRIMARY SCHOOL Newsletter

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# I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families and friends a very:

# MERRY CHRISTMAS AND LOTS OF HAPPINESS AND GOOD HEALTH FOR 2024!

As we head into the last 2 weeks of school before the Christmas break, we are preparing for lots of celebrations, activities, visits, and festive fun!

Yesterday- Oak and Ash class headed to Chester for a Roman visit and learning experience, last week year 4 and 5 visited the Story House for a magnificent production of Cinderella- which was enjoyed by all. This week our travelling Pantomime are visiting school for all children and our Rock Steady Bands are performing to the school and their families on Thursday. This Friday KS2 are excited to enjoy a moment of calm, peace and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas at St Oswald's Church at 1.30- join us for this beautiful carol service and a bit of fun too! Our final week of term sees four nativity performance from EYFS and KS1 and a Nursery Christmas sing-along. The final day of term- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Decemberchildren can come to school wearing their own clothes or a Christmas jumper and we will have games, fun and class parties on this day. Suggested donation £1 or bring some party food.

# **Inspection Feedback**

We are expecting our Ofsted Report over the next few weeks and are incredibly proud of the journey we have been on in the last 18 months. Behaviour and relationships across school have significantly improved, our Nursery and Foundation classes have made a great deal of progress and we know that early reading and phonics in KS1 and writing in KS2 are also strengths of the school. This year we are focusing on KS2 reading and the foundation subject curriculum across school and will continue to improve these as a priority over the next year. Our predicted grades for KS2 reading are currently above national so we are already seeing the impact of these curriculum changes. As soon as the report is released, I will share it with you. Many thanks for your support during Ofsted- parent and pupil feedback was very positive and we will continue to listen to your views to improve school all the time.



#### Calendar:

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec: Year 3 /4 Roman

Trip

Wed 13th Dec: whole school

Panto

Thurs 14th Dec: Rock Steady

Concert 10am

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec: Ks2 Carol Concert St Oswald's Church 1:30pm Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec: KS1 Christmas

Performance 1.30pm

Tues 19th Dec: KS1 Christmas

Performance 9.30am

Tues 19th Dec: Foundation-Holly & Chestnut Christmas

Performance 2pm

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec: Foundation-Holly & Chestnut Christmas

Performance 9.30am

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Dec: Own Clothes/ Christmas Clothes /Party Day Last day of school NO EARLY

**FINISH** 

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024: Children

return to school

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb: finish for half term Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Feb: Return to school Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March: World Book

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Thurs 28th March: Finish for

Easter

# <u>Clubs</u>

Next week you will receive a clubs booking email for our new Spring term clubs offer.
We will collate all requests for clubs and then ensure all children are allocated at least one of their choices.

THERE ARE NO CLUBS THE FINAL WEEK OF TERM

# **Christmas Performances**

#### KS2

St Oswald's Church Service Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 1.30pm (Families can take children home from church)

#### KS1

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm Tue 19<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am

# Foundation: Chestnut and Holly

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> December 2pm Wed 20<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am

## **Nursery**

Thursday 21st December 2pm Christmas Sing-along

## **Christmas Bingo**

Thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas Bingo by sending in chocolate, raffle prizes or attending on the night.

We had a great time and raised a total of £600.

This money will be used to buy resources for all classes including sports equipment for the playgrounds.

Please join us for Easter Bingo on Wednesday 20th March.



#### **Staffing News**

This week we welcome Mrs. Hart to our Nursery department. She has a wealth of experience in EYFS and we look forward to her settling in and getting to know the children.

Mrs Pincho will be looking after Oak class from January-February and on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February Mrs Crowe joins us for the rest of this school year in Oak. We wish Mr Jones the very best of luck in his new role at Abbey Gate Junior School and in his future career.

#### **Easy Fundraising**

Malpas Alport Endowed Primary School are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/malpas-alport-endowed-primary-school/?utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=pmc&utm\_content=gs-email1

# Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year