



17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Newsletter

Wow! What stunning productions and performances we have seen from the children of Bunbury this year. The confidence of all the children was amazing and the story of the nativity was expertly told through the words and songs from KS2 and the acting from KS1. I was extremely impressed by how the children and staff had adjusted to the changes and were once again able to share with you this very special story.



We have had an action packed festive few weeks with children enjoying our Christmas Lunch, Messy Christmas activities and our Christmas parties on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>. As well our outdoor singing performances and not forgetting our sponsored Reindeer Run at the start of December with a special visit from some live reindeers.





I can't quite believe we have come to the end of this year and I am still finding myself thanking you all for your unwavering support as we continue to keep our school alive and a place of excitement and wonder with Covid still present. It certainly has been another year to remember and I really don't think any of us would have predicted it would have ended like this again with our school navigating through an 'outbreak' in the past few weeks. It would be very easy to write and talk about the school closures which dominated our lives earlier in the year followed by having to teach in all our schools amid staff absences and rising covid infections.

However, I want to reflect on all the fantastic things we have achieved as a school despite everything that we encounter on our 'coronacoaster' ride. Our fantastic TEAM spirit - which has grown exponentially during this pandemic, our continuing work in our community and the attitudes and ethos of our children are all things we need to celebrate from the past 12 months in school. As always it would be impossible to write about each and every one of the exciting learning opportunities and experiences that have kept us busy over the year! Needless to say, all our twitter feeds and Facebook pages are a great way to look back and recall all of those magic moments that show our 'Love for Learning' to the full across Bunbury.

I am incredibly proud to be Principal at Bunbury and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the Bunbury staff, pupils, parents, governors, directors and members of the local community for making this school a very special place to work in. The dedication of all the staff is outstanding and I am always amazed at the lengths that they all go to, ensuring that learning is as it should be – inspiring, motivating, engaging and above all fun! This would not happen without such a dedicated team all making outcomes for children the best that they can be. Together, they all certainly make it the best job in the world!

Around this time of year, when life was on an even keel, we'd be inviting parents, governors and directors to share our Christmas message. The ongoing pandemic has not stopped us and within school we have adapted our plans so that through our zoom services and outdoor concerts we have brought the joy and meaning of Christmas into living rooms across Cheshire. We may not have been able to gather altogether in the same place to celebrate Christmas, but I truly believe that we've got a community that distance and disaster cannot break. That may well be our greatest achievement of all.

I wish you all a fantastic Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. A huge thank you to all the gifts I have received this year it is extremely kind of you all.

Look after yourselves and I look forward to seeing you all in 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nic Badger". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

Nic Badger

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