



CANFORD HEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

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Christmas messages from the Chief Executive Officer

Dear Parents and Carers,

The fairy lights are twinkling, glitter and tissue paper is everywhere, and George Michael is telling all and sundry he's going to "...give his heart to someone special this year..." and here at the TEACH Trust, we absolutely love it!

The smiling faces of all your wonderful children, make this time of the year simply magical and through all the Christmas performances, the concerts, the singing, the card making and the Christmas dinner eating, it is your children who put the magic into Christmas and fill our hearts with warmth and good cheer.

If you have been lucky enough to see a Christmas performance or have joined us at one of our many music/carol concerts, I hope you have enjoyed the high calibre performances your children, and the adults in school, have worked tirelessly on. I thank you for supporting your children; I thank the adults for their unwavering dedication; and I thank your amazing children for their endless enthusiasm.

This year, we are reminded, more than ever, that it is people who make Christmas special and I sincerely hope that every single one of you has the opportunity to spend precious time with the ones you love.

On behalf of myself and all the staff and Trustees, I wish you and your children a really happy and peaceful Christmas.

With very best wishes,

Kate Carter

Mrs Kate Carter
Chief Executive Officer





Christmas messages from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's that time of year where it is such fun to work in a primary school with the children getting so excited with Christmas on the way. As always, I'd like to say a huge thank you for your continued support to the school through the autumn term. The children, as always, have been the stars of the show showing commitment and resilience in their learning.



All of our recent festive activities are fresh in our minds. There is something magical about hearing children singing their hearts out to Christmas songs and yet again, the singing filling St George's Church was an absolute highlight for me. It has also been wonderful to see our choir and Mrs Turner getting out into the local community to spread the Christmas spirit. Not only have we had lots of fantastic singing but we were treated to a fantastic Winter Wonderland performance from our Year Four children who were able to showcase their acting and dancing skills as well as their wonderful singing.

Thank you to PATCH for organising another fantastic Christmas fair and thank you to all of you for supporting the event. It is always lovely to see so many of you in school as all the money made goes back into the schools which positively impacts on the children. I would also like to say a big thank you to PATCH for funding new play equipment in the playground which was only possible due to their tireless fundraising and commitment.

Although Christmas is in the forefront of our minds, this has been an immensely busy term where the learning has been in full flow. There have been numerous experiences the children have enjoyed which all helps bring the learning to life and gives the children a wide and varied curriculum. Our Year Six children kick started their year with a paddle in the River Piddle to complete a number of field study activities. Year Five have travelled through space and enjoyed their Mayan hook day. Year Four had a wonderful day with The Past Presents learning all about life as a Saxon and a Viking which was full of drama and activities. Finally, Year Three have enjoyed their visit to the Ancient Technology Centre where they got to experience what life was like in the Stone, Bronze and Iron Age and have been introduced to a foreign language through their Bonjour! Topic. The children really have had a jam-packed term of learning!

Something that makes me proud to be part of this school is all the opportunities that we offer the children through music and sport. In music, from concerts in and out of school, visits to the local community with the choir and children learning various instruments from African drums to various brass instruments it has been another busy term. In sport it is currently football season and we have had various matches for Year Five and Six boys and girls with only one loss! We took a team comprising of Y3,4, 5 and 6 children to the SEND Panathlon event where we came first and a number of Year Five and Six children competed at the X-country event. Well done to all our children who have represented the school they always do us proud.

All that is left to say is that I wish you all, on behalf of all the staff and Trustees, the best for the holiday season and hope that you are able to spend some quality time with the people that mean the most to you. We look forward to seeing the children back in the New Year refreshed and ready for a successful 2024!

With very best wishes,

M. Wilson

Mr Mark Wilson
Headteacher



Christmas message from the Pastoral Care Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have noticed the whole school has been really busy recently and there is a lovely festive atmosphere. We have all enjoyed some lovely Christmas events. The Christmas Fayre, Year Four Winter Wonderland performance, and the Christmas lunch have all helped create a festive atmosphere throughout the whole school.

Pastoral Care aims to help every child feel settled, secure and happy as they progress through the school and to ensure they receive the right kind of support to help with their individual and specific needs. We offer a variety of in-school interventions for the children and can also signpost parents and carers to external support such as the School Nurse, Family Support Workers and Mental Health Organisations.

We would like to send a huge thank you to Tesco Tower Park, Canford Heath Baby Bank and Poole Food bank who have once again been amazingly generous in offering Christmas gifts and support to those families that our less fortunate than others.

It is always a pleasure to welcome your children into school every morning and to catch up with them throughout the day. Have a wonderful holiday and I look forward to seeing the children return in 2024.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS.



Year 3



In the first half of the term, we learnt all about the Caribbean and made some Caribbean-inspired printed fabric. We also practised our sewing skills by making flags.



In history, we have been learning all about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. The children especially enjoyed our trips to the Ancient Technology Centre where they got to weave willow, cut firewood and plait thread just like they did in the Stone Age!



Year 4



In Year 4, we had an amazing Anglo-Saxon and Viking Hook Day. Everyone dressed up and learned all about how the Vikings travelled to Britain, Viking raids on Anglo Saxon monasteries and how battles were fought. It was brilliant!



In Religion and Worldviews, Year 4 have been learning all about Judaism. Recently, the children have been learning about Christmas and discovered the symbolism of the Christingle.



We've been incredibly lucky in Year 4 to have access to various brass instruments thanks to Soundstorm! The children have made so much progress with their musicality and their enthusiasm for the subject has been so amazing.

As part of our DT learning, the children have made some wonderful Christmas decorations by sewing using the blanket stitch. They look fabulous!



Year 5



We kicked off our Marvellous Maya topic with an in house hook day. The children explored a 'museum' full of replica artefacts, learnt about the Maya gods and their roles in society, played a game of Pok-a-tok and made a Maya inspired headdress.

As part of our What's Out There topic, we were incredibly lucky to have a visit from Space Odyssey. Inside the dome, space is truly brought to life for the children.



Thank you for the outstanding effort with our home learning! Your continued support is greatly appreciated by us and the children.

Have a wonderful Christmas break for the Year Five team.

Year 6



Year Six thoroughly enjoyed their visit to The River Piddle where they studied the river system and competed for space in the river with the cows!



The children did a wonderful job at marking Remembrance Day and we were honoured to be joined by two WW2 veterans.



Pupil Voice

The School Council members now proudly wear their badges, showcasing a sense of enthusiasm as they confidently contribute their ideas and suggestions during meetings and class discussions. Our sessions have revolved around suggesting inventive and creative approaches to fundraising. We eagerly anticipate unveiling these exciting ideas in the coming year! Our primary goal is to raise funds for our designated school charity, My Time, which extends crucial support, friendship, and opportunities to young carers—every child's deserving right. Furthermore, we've collaboratively brainstormed a range of charitable causes, and the revelation of our selected charity will be in the new year.

Stay tuned for the big reveal, and we hope you will join us in raising money for some incredible causes!





Long Service Awards



We are very lucky to have so many wonderful staff that work with us at Canford Heath Junior School and like to celebrate every five years of service staff complete. We would like to thank the following staff for their service to school.

5 years - Aaron Dodd
 5 years - Clare Hourihan
 5 years - Cathryne Packham
 5 years - Carrie Scotney

10 years - Cheryl Walker
 10 years - Sara Easton

15 years - Mark Wilson
 15 years - Lucy Short
 15 years - Ange Fleming
 15 years - Marie Donoghue



Whole School Diary Dates



Tuesday 2 nd January	INSET Day
Wednesday 3 rd January	School starts back
Thursday 4 th January	Year 6 Evacuee Day
Friday 5 th January	Year 3 Past Presents Roman Hook Day
Friday 12 th January	Year 4 Poole Harbour Boat Trip for classes 4G and 4T
Wednesday 17 th January	Year 4 Poole Harbour Boat Trip for classes 4W and 4Y
Friday 2 nd February	PATCH Bingo Evening
Thursday 8 th February	Y6 Evolution Dome Visit
Friday 1 st March	Fraser Photography class and leavers photos
Thursday 7 th March	Y6 SATs information Evening
Tuesday 19 th March	Year 3 and 4 Spring Disco
Thursday 21 st March	Year 5 and 6 Spring Disco
Wednesday 27 th March	Easter Treats Day
Thursday 28 th March	Last Day of Spring Term