



CANFORD HEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

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Christmas message from the CEO/Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This time of year is always magical, but what a privilege it is to see the children's excited faces, hear their wonderful singing and watch them count down to the festive season. Admiring the Christmas jumpers, and listening to the excited chatter and harmonious singing over Christmas lunch was a personal highlight for me this year. In what has been another challenging year for all of us, it is wonderful to get back to a little bit of normality, albeit safely.



As Christmas approaches I would like to thank our staff, the children and you, our parents and carers for all of your support over the past year. The festive season is always a time for reflection and the power of human kindness is never taken for granted, particularly over the past few months.

Despite having to adjust our Christmas performance arrangements, the children have done a wonderful job, spreading festive cheer throughout our schools. The children and staff have worked tirelessly, learning their lines, songs and actions with endless enthusiasm. That, sprinkled with sparkling glitter, cotton wool and salt dough has made the countdown to Christmas such a special time of year in the Teach Trust schools.

You will have seen in the media, that Covid measures have stepped up again, and an updated Risk Assessment is available for you to see on our lovely new websites. Of course, I will keep an eye on any new guidance or changes over the festive break, and will contact you if any arrangements for the start of the spring term are required.

Please support us by ensuring that, if your child has symptoms, (or has tested positive within ten days of 4th January), that you do not send them back to school on Tuesday 4th January.



It would also be so helpful if you were willing to LFD your child before they return to school, to help minimise the risks of further spread. This is obviously voluntary as it stands, but it has proven to be so helpful in protecting our children and staff. (Please do not PCR/LFD test if your child has already tested positive within the past 90 days). Thank you so much for your support with this.

On behalf of myself, and all of the staff and Trustees, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas; a time for reflection, spending time with your loved ones and most importantly creating wonderful memories and taking time to relax. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

With very best wishes,

Kate Carter

*Mrs Kate Carter
CEO/Executive Head Teacher*



Christmas message from the Head of School



Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to offer a warm thanks for the continued support that you have given the school as we have attempted to return to a slightly more 'normal' and familiar autumn term. While this has not been completely possible, one thing has been 'normal' and that is the continued effort and hard work put into learning from your children – they, as always, have been a credit to themselves.

We had hoped to see many of you to celebrate our festive events such as the choir service at St George's Church, Winter Wonderland and the Christmas Fair, but this was unfortunately not possible for a second year – let's keep all our fingers crossed for a return next year.

This does not mean that the children have not been getting into the festive spirit. There have been festive songs, decorations made and hung on the tree, elves being mischievous (as always!), plenty of food at Christmas lunches and parties and, of course, some very memorable jumpers modelled by children and staff!

The children's learning has been in full flow with a number of experiences that brings the learning to life and makes it so memorable. Our Year 6 children kick started the year with a visit to Hengistbury Head and have had a visit from the army to start their World War 2 topic. Year 5 have travelled through space and experienced life in Mayan times through the realms of virtual reality. Our Year 4 children have had the chance to play a brass musical instrument which could be the start of their musical journey and have of course been immersed in Christmas songs as part of their Winter Wonderland performance. Finally, Year 3 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 during their Caribbean topic were able to explore the sounds of the Caribbean through being introduced to the Jumbie Pans. The children really have had a jam packed term of learning!

All that is left to say is that I wish you all the best for the holiday season and hope that you are able, in some form, to spend some quality time with the people that mean the most to you. I look forward to seeing the children back in the New Year refreshed and ready for a successful 2022!

With very best wishes,

M. Wilson

Mr Mark Wilson
Head of School



Christmas message from the Pastoral Care Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the end of the term is fast approaching, I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas.

It has been a delight to work with your children and welcome them into school every morning And see their happy faces throughout the day.

Pastoral care is here for every child and if you feel your child needs support in school, we are Happy to help. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you feel your child has any worries, anxieties, or just needs reassurance. Our aim is to help every child feel settled, secure and happy as they progress through the school.

I would like to send a big thank you to Tesco Tower Park, Poole Foodbank, The Salvation Army and Canford Heath Baby Bank who have been amazingly generous in offering gifts and support to families that are less fortunate than others.

I am really looking forward to seeing the children return to school 2022.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

Mrs Cobb and Mrs Fleming
Pastoral Care Worker & ELSA



Year 3

We have been very musical this term! In Autumn 1, we spent our music lessons playing the Jumbie Pans. More recently, we've been learning to play Glockenspiels.



We have been having a super time with art and design this term. We worked very hard during our textiles lessons, had a visit from Poole Pottery and made some super Christmas decorations!



We have been developing our computing skills by creating PowerPoints all about the Stone Age.

THE SAVAGE STONE AGE!

Read on for some AWESOME facts all about the Stone Age!



In our history lessons, we have been learning all about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We had a fantastic time at the Ancient Technology Centre!

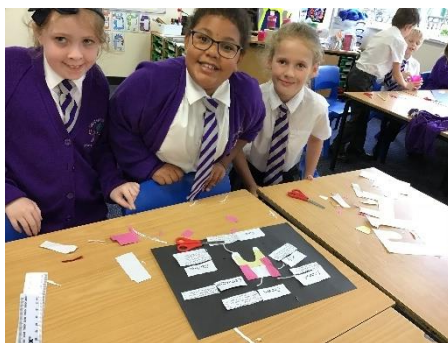


Year 4

In science, Year 4 have been learning about the different functions of the teeth with a practical demonstration involving apples! The children then made their own models.



In Year 4, we had a great time on our Anglo-Saxon and Viking Day. Everyone dressed up in their best outfits and learned all about an ancient way of life. We even had a very special time-travelling visitor!



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 well as lots of outdoor PE, in Year 4 we have also been practising our dancing skills by creating our very own dances based all on the Vikings! We had great fun!



Year 5



VR headsets were a great success and a memorable way to start our Marvellous Maya topic. They were able to explore the city of Chichen Itza.



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!

Year 6



Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Hengistbury Head where they studied the river system and got (a little bit) wet in the glorious weather!



The military visited us to launch our World War 2 topic. The children learnt lots about the equipment they used and discovered just how heavy their bags were!



Thank you for the outstanding effort with the river system home-learning - very impressive!



Whole School Diary Dates

Spring 1 2022 Tuesday 4 th January – Friday 18 th February	
Thursday 6 th January	Year 3 Roman Hook Day
Friday 7 th January	Year 6 Evacuation Day
Monday 24 th January	Year 4 Heath Ranger visit
Thursday 10 th February	Year 6 Darwin Evolution and Inheritance presentation
Tuesday 15 th February	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 16 th February	Parents' Evening
Thursday 17 th February	Year 4 4G and 4A Poole Harbour boat trip
Friday 18 th February	Year 6 VE Celebration Day Break up for half term

