



# HOLDEN LANE PRIMARY NEWS

**"Working Together, Learning for Life"**



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## **A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Everyone at Holden Lane Primary would like to wish all the children and their families a very happy holiday, a merry Christmas and a wonderful 2024!

We wish you all the very best for the festive season ahead and very much look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS!**



*merry christmas*

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



### **YEAR 2 VISIT PORT VALE**

A HUGE well done to our wonderful Year 2 class who visited Port Vale Football Club last week to take part in their community carol concert. The children joined the carol singing and then performed a song of their own. They then enjoyed listening to the other schools performing their songs and Toby played the role of one of the wise men on stage. They finished their visit by meeting the players and each had a signed photo to bring home. The children (and Mrs Lovatt) had an absolutely wonderful time and featured on the radio and on the Midlands news!

Well done Year 2, you are excellent ambassadors for our school and we are very proud of you all.

Many thanks also to the parents and families who joined the children for the concert, your support made the visit even more special for the children.



### **RECEPTION VISIT BEAVER HALL**

Very well done to our Reception children who visited Beaver Hall Equestrian Centre last week. They had a magical time and thoroughly enjoyed their special day. They were greeted by Mrs Claus who helped them to design and make their own decorations.

They then met Santa Claus to discuss their favourite things about Christmas and were given a lovely present to take home. Finally, the children took part in a festive treasure hunt and quiz which led them to meet Santa's pony, Betsy. The children had a wonderful experience, and as always, they displayed an excellent attitude to their learning and were an absolute credit to our school.

Well done Reception—you have made us very, very proud. Many thanks to the parent volunteers who joined the visit, your help and support is greatly appreciated by the children and staff.



### **KEY STAGE 2 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** **VERY WELL DONE!**

Thank you to the families that joined us for our Key Stage 2 Christmas Celebration on Wednesday. We are extremely proud of our Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 pupils for their fabulous, festive readings and singing. Everyone sang and performed with great enthusiasm and every pupil was an absolute credit to the school. What a heart warming way to welcome Christmas!

Many thanks for your continued support and well done once again to our super Key Stage 2! A big thank you also to our Key Stage 2 team for all their wonderful work with each class.

**WELL DONE KEY STAGE 2 ~ YOU HAVE MADE US VERY PROUD!**



### **FOUNDATION STAGE AND KEY STAGE ONE** **CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES ~ VERY WELL DONE!**

Thank you to all the families that joined us for our wonderful Christmas performances last week.

This year, our Foundation Stage performed 'Our Christmas Story' and our Key Stage One classes performed 'Angel Express'.

As always, it was an absolute pleasure to see the children perform with such enthusiasm, excitement and enjoyment.

Every single child played their part beautifully and we are so very proud of each and every one of them. We were delighted by the marvellous narrators, amazing actors and sensational singers in each of the classes.

The performances were made all the more special by so many families joining us to share this magical time and to offer superb support and encouragement to the children.

**Very well done to all of our children, we are very proud of you all!**

**A HUGE thank you also to all the staff who have worked so hard to make each performance such a great success!**

**Thank you for your continued support.**





### THE CHOIR GO ON TOUR!

Congratulations to our **FABULOUS** school choir who started their winter tour by performing at Wesley Hall for the Tuesday Luncheon Club. As always, the choir were given a very warm welcome, they sang a selection of songs and then enjoyed refreshments whilst talking to the senior citizens and telling them all about our school. They filled the room with festive cheer and everyone had a wonderful time.

On Tuesday, the choir travelled to the Potteries Centre to entertain the Christmas shoppers. They sang a medley of Christmas songs and attracted a crowd of shoppers and family members. The choir were congratulated for their wonderful singing and we have been invited back to sing again next year. After the performance, the children shared a story with Santa, met his elves and were given a gift to bring home. Every child was a credit to the school and we really can not wait to organise more performances in the coming year!

Well done to our wonderful Holden Lane singers—you made us extremely proud!  
A **HUGE** thank you to the parents, carers and family members who came along to support the choir. It was a pleasure to see you all and your support is very much appreciated.

### SANTA VISITS HOLDEN LANE

We were delighted to finish the term today with a special visit from Santa. Each class was excited to meet Santa and to receive a special gift. Santa was extremely pleased to meet all the children at Holden Lane. He was very proud of each and every one of them. Well done to all of our children, who as always, were a credit to our school.



### TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS DINNER 2023

We were delighted to celebrate Christmas today by joining together for our traditional Christmas dinner. It was an absolute pleasure to see each class sharing this special time with their teachers and friends.

What a wonderful way to end the term!  
Thank you for your continued support!



### WINTER FETE 2023 ~ OUR THANKS!

Thank you to all the children and families that came along to our Winter Fete. As always, it was great fun and a pleasure to see so many of you in school getting into the spirit of Christmas. We would like to thank all our families, children and staff for their support in organising the stalls and competitions. We raised a wonderful **£925.27** Money raised will go towards school fund and will be used for the children.

A **HUGE** thank you to Santa and his Christmas elf who were both thoroughly delighted to meet so many of our children and families!

A **SPECIAL** thank you to Mrs Reece and all the staff who worked incredibly hard to organise the event. Thank you to everyone who made donations and a **BIG** thank you once again to all those who have given their time so generously, your commitment to the school is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support.

### ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Families are warmly invited to join us to celebrate the attendance success of our children. We will be awarding our attendance badges and certificates for the last Half Term and would be delighted if families would come along to share this special assembly.

**KEY STAGE TWO ~ TUESDAY 16th JANUARY at 9.10am**

**NURSERY, RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 ~ WEDNESDAY 17th JANUARY at 9.10am**

Please enter the school through the main entrance by the school office.

Our attendance for last half term was 95%. The target for all Stoke-on-Trent schools is 96%.

We need to keep working really hard to reach our target, eliminate Persistent Absence and reduce the amount of children arriving late.

Please support us by making sure that the children arrive at school on time by 10 minutes to 9 to ensure at they are in class by 9 o'clock ready for their learning.

**DOORS ARE OPEN FROM 8.45AM!**

*you're invited!*

### BACK TO SCHOOL IN THE NEW YEAR

School closes for pupils today. School opens for the new term on:

**MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2024.**

We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back to school in the New Year.

**OPEN**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please make a note of the following dates for your diary:

- ◆ Thursday 21st December ~ School closes for end of Autumn Term 2023
- ◆ Monday 8th January ~ School opens for Spring Term 2024
- ◆ Tuesday 16th January ~ Key Stage 2 Attendance Assembly at 9.10am
- ◆ Wednesday 17th January ~ Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 Attendance Assembly at 9.10am
- ◆ Friday 9th February ~ School closes for Half Term
- ◆ Monday 19th February ~ School opens for pupils
- ◆ Friday 22nd March ~ School closes for end of Spring Term 2024
- ◆ Monday 8th April ~ School opens for Summer Term 2024
- ◆ Monday 6th May ~ School closed for **BANK HOLIDAY**
- ◆ **Monday 13th May 2024 ~ Key Stage 2 SATs Week**
- ◆ Friday 24th May ~ School closes for Half Term
- ◆ **Monday 3rd June ~ SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**
- ◆ Tuesday 4th June ~ School opens for pupils
- ◆ Friday 19th July ~ School closes for end of Summer Term 2024
- ◆ **Monday 22nd July ~ SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**

