

### A Christmas Message...

**I wanted to take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff and Governors to wish your families a happy, healthy and joyful Christmas.**

It has not been the end of term that any of us planned for or expected and our thoughts are very much with anyone in our community who is currently unwell or isolating with cases quickly escalating in our school and local community, indeed nationally over the last few weeks. Thank you to you and your children for your resilience, patience and understanding. I know there were many unavoidable disappointments.

Despite this, we have very much been getting into the festive spirit this week at school with a visit from Father Christmas himself over Zoom at our Christmas party. We were pleased some of the children currently isolating were able to join us virtually for this. At the party we also enjoyed: dancing, party games and of course the party food which was courtesy of our wonderful kitchen staff who always go the extra mile to bring a smile to the faces of our children. Thank you to them for that and all their hard work across the year. A huge thank you also to Friends and the team of elves who helped prepare things for our Christmas party and helped to make our Christmas parties so memorable. You should also have received the link to, 'Christmas Around the World'. We hope you enjoy it. Last week, we enjoyed the panto, 'Cinderella' and also our Christmas dinner and jumper day. Thank you to you for your contributions to, 'Save the Children'. I know the children have been taking part in Christmas craft activities and practised so many skills from our 'Steps in Learning' curriculum such as: stitching cards in Class three to practise their sewing and build design technology skills and in Class two, working on their art printing skills. I'm sure when you see cards and other Christmas projects, you will see the skill the children have learnt or practised across the curriculum and you'll agree the children have done a fab-yule-us job! On the next page, you will find some photos and comments from the children about their Christmas highlights.

So, have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on **Thursday 6th January**. We are anticipating that we will be back to normal operation so the **doors will open at 8:45am for an 8:55am school start** across all classes.

### Newsletter

**Friday 17th December**

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**Dates for your Diary**—for dates further ahead, please visit the calendar on the school website.

<b>Fri 17th Dec</b>	School closes for holidays— <b>2:30pm C1&amp;2 2:40pm—C3 &amp; C4</b>
<b>Weds 5th Jan</b>	Staff INSET day
<b>Thurs 6th Jan</b>	School Re-opens for pupils for the new year <i>Doors open 8:45am for a 8:55am start</i>
<b>Mon 10th Jan</b>	Class 1 visit to Blackpool Zoo
<b>Tues 11th &amp; Weds</b>	Class 3 parent meetings (Re-arranged dates) Telephone Appointments
<b>Weds 12th Jan</b>	Pre school 'Story time in the Forest'
<b>Fri 21st Jan</b>	Class 3 Swimming—Start of C3 swimming block (10 weeks, consecutive Friday's)

# CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS!

PEACE  
JOY  
LOVE  
HOPE



### Epworth Newsletter

With the newsletter tonight, you will also receive the Epworth autumn term newsletter. So many great achievements across the Epworth Trust, we are so proud to be part of such a wonderful family of schools! Within it, there are some wonderful Summerseat highlights, including a section celebrating Miss Leyland's achievements as a Pearson Silver Winner and also a message from Mrs Hewitt, our CEO, about the journey Summerseat has been on since joining Epworth one year ago. I am so proud of all the staff for their ongoing hard work and commitment into making Summerseat the wonderful school I know it is. We could not do it without the support of all our amazing parents and of course your wonderful children! Thank you.

### Staffing Update

After several years as out of school club manager, Mrs Matongo has sadly decided to leave this post for pastures new. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her well. Her last day will be Friday 21st January. Mrs Shales, who all the children will know, will be taking up this post and working with Miss Saunders.

### Digital Safety

Our National Online Safety guide this week, contains information about how to, 'Make the most of the online world this Christmas.' This has been sent along with the newsletter.

### PE Days / Feel Good Friday

As we return to school in January, PE will continue to be on a Monday across school. It will also be on a Friday for class 3 and year 5. PE kits can be kept in school, in lockers and will be sent home at the end of the half term.

It will be Year 6 in Forest School for the first half of the spring term so children should bring clothes appropriate for Forest School every Friday in a bag.

### Vaccination

On behalf of Bury Council, we also attach a vaccination clinic list.

