



WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

The end of the term is only a few days away and I know everyone is looking forward to the Christmas holiday. The children are working very hard on learning the Nativity Songs for our Carol Concert next week and thanks to your generosity last week, we'll have some splendid hampers as raffle prizes to be drawn at the Table Top Sale tomorrow (Friday). I hope to see as many of you as possible at both events. In the meantime, may I thank you for your continuing support for the school and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Iain C. Gilmore

GOODBYES AND OTHER STAFF NEWS

As you know, Mrs Mitchell is leaving us at the end of the term for a promotion at another school. We wish her the very best of luck. We welcome Charlotte Snowden-Searle who will be teaching 3RM for the rest of the year.

We must also say goodbye to Mrs Byrne at the end of the term who has been at Brunel for a number of years most recently providing PPA cover for Years 3 and 5. We wish Mrs Byrne well for the future. We will be saying a proper goodbye to Mrs Byrne at next Wednesday's morning assembly.



Mr Blackhurst is still poorly and has been signed off until January – we wish him well in his recovery. Finally our new caretaker was unable to start as hoped. We have a new advertisement out and hope to recruit again for the new year.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Our **Christmas Raffle** has prizes of £75, £50 and £25 cash and will be drawn at our **Christmas Table Top sale** on **Friday 12 December** in the Lower Hall. The other raffle prizes are the magnificent Christmas Hampers! The sale starts at 3:30pm. All money raised goes towards a pantomime for the children next term.



The **Carol Service** is on **Wednesday 17 December** at **2pm** at **St Mary's Church** and this being an even numbered year, the children will be singing our Nativity Songs. The service should be no longer than 45 minutes so you will have time to get to infant schools to collect younger siblings. I hope everyone will join in this community occasion but if for religious reasons you would prefer your child not to take part, please write to us and arrange for your child to be collected from school at 12pm on the day.



Finally please look out for letters from teachers with details of class parties!

ACADEMY NEWS

I hope it is not a surprise for you that we are now an academy! We converted on 1 November and are proud members of the Thinking Schools' Academy Trust. Academies are state funded schools who are not part of the local authority and so we enjoy a bit more freedoms in terms of how we run the school and the curriculum we follow. One change is that we now have an Executive Headteacher – Claire Stevens who is based at Newbridge School – who is working with us one day

