

# Merley First School News

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## Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our final newsletter of 2018. It has been a fantastic start to this academic year and the children have had a successful first term. Our Reception children settled in very quickly and it now feels like they have been here for ever! It has been exciting to watch our children make progress this term and especially with our youngest children who have become more independent.

There is an air of excitement in school this week with Christmas fast approaching. Last week saw our Year 4 children perform to the mixed blessing group at The Lantern Church, as well as to their parents at Canford Church. On Monday Reception and Year 1 performed 'Whoops A Daisy Angel' and I am sure you will agree what a fabulous performance it was. Last night our Year 2 and 3 children performed '8 sleeps 'til Christmas'. Thank you to everyone who attended, the children really shone. We still have three days left and lots to do. So I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and also I am sure you will join me in wishing the staff and their families the same. I look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

## Changes to staff in the New Year

We are very sad to say that at the end of January Mrs Wardzinski will be leaving us. Mrs Wardzinski has been at our school for over 12 years, and I am sure you will all join us in wishing her well for the future. From January, Mrs Fortnum will be joining Fox Class and Mrs Stevens will be joining Owl Class. We also welcome Mrs Marshall who will be joining Badger Class.

## Christmas Party Day

Thursday 20 December is our Christmas Party Day. Each class will organise a party in their classroom and the children will play some party games. We are hoping that we will be getting a visit from a special person, so listen carefully for those sleigh bells!

The children may come to school in their party clothes but please ensure they have sensible shoes and are dressed warmly as we will still be going outside at playtimes.

## Website

Please remember to check our website for the latest news updates and key dates. The class blogs are a good way of seeing what your child is learning in school.

## Important Dates

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** 9.30 am Christingle for whole school @ The Lantern Church

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas Party Day

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** End of term 1. 15pm

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January** Staff Training

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January** School Reopens for Children

## Attendance from September to end November 2018

Ladybird 95.2%   Butterfly 95.4%   Sparrow 95.9%   Robin 95.9%

Rabbit 97.9%   Hedgehog 96.3%   Kestrel 96.8%   Owl 97.6%

Fox 96.8%   Badger 97.7%   Whole School 96.6%