

Leeming RAF Primary School Newsletter



December 2021

Dear All,

Well, we've made it to the end of term, and what a busy last week it has been! The school is feeling delightfully festive following a raft of wonderful Christmas jollities. I really hope that those of you who have attended one of our productions have enjoyed these over the last few days. The children have loved being able to perform for you in person and have been so excited by the prospect. I'm so proud of all that they have achieved – from little ones Wriggling their way through the Nativity story right through to our lovely older singers and speakers - I think they've done a great job at bringing Christmas cheer to the end of what has been, let's face it, a bleak year in many respects.

Thank you to all of you who have borne with the restrictions on attendance and changes to plans etc. so graciously for these events. The Reception / Y1 Nativity is already online as a video and you should have received a link. The KS2 carol service is, as I write, being processed by Youtube and when this is completed (it's a hefty file!) I will get that link out to you to enjoy.

We've also seen the fuzzy cheer of Christmas jumper day, along with a delicious Christmas dinner, some parties and more glittery Christmas crafts than you can shake a candy cane at. If the children aren't exhausted by the time they start their holidays, I'd be amazed!

A huge well done to the staff and children for all that they've achieved this term, in spite of the challenges they've faced – I'm so proud of our wonderful school and community.

Looking ahead to next term, there is, of course, uncertainty in the national picture re: COVID. However, please know that we will continue do everything in our power to ensure that the school operates 'as normal' in January – we have loved having the children back this term and seeing their progress and learning – we want nothing to disrupt this. We will, of course, keep you updated if there are any changes to plan as soon as we hear them, but I'm quietly confident / optimistic that all will be well.

On that note, a few COVID-related points to note / requests:

- 1) We strongly recommend that all children LFT over the weekend and for the next few days – there are current cases in school and, as we don't operate in bubbles any longer, it's very likely these will cross classes. I would hate you to be taking COVID to vulnerable relatives etc. over the holidays.
- 2) A reminder that government advice is to LFT before mixing with anyone you don't normally live / socialise with.
- 3) Please LFT your child on the Tuesday evening / Wednesday morning before returning to school on **Wednesday 5th** January – we're aware there will be a lot of mixing and travelling up and down the country over the holidays and we don't want to start the year with COVID in school and having to close classes etc.

And Finally...

My godson informed us yesterday that "we didn't have Jesus in our Nativity play because he'd been left in Year 1 and we didn't have time to sanitize him!" #Nativity2021...

Have a blessed Christmas and stay safe – see you in 2022!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Campbell'.

Rob Campbell
Headteacher