



Marfields Academy Newsletter

18th December 2015



Well, the last day of term before Christmas is finally here!



We would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year** and we will see back in school on **Monday 4th January 2016!**



GOODBYE AND HELLO

We are sure that you will join us in saying a final goodbye to Mrs Schuettke and Mrs Allen as they both leave us today to embark on their new ventures. We wish them both well and hope that they remember us with fondness.

We must also say a huge hello and welcome to Miss Dixon who will be teaching in Year 6 and to Miss Sowry who will be teaching in Year 3 when Miss Booth takes her maternity leave.



CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Many thanks to all of the staff and children for producing three wonderful Christmas productions. There is so much that goes towards putting on these shows - rehearsals, set dressing, costumes and co-ordinating everything. We are sure that you will agree that all the hard work paid off. There are so many children who are worthy of an Oscar with their acting skills! Thanks also to you all for attending - each performance had a packed audience who all enjoyed coffee and mince pies prior to the show. Mrs Yoxall (as usual) was rattling a tin. The money raised is going to Macmillan Cancer Support and almost £160 was raised, thanks to your generosity.



POLAR EXPRESS EVENING

What a fantastic night we all had at the Polar Express Evening that we held on Monday after school. There was such an element of joy in seeing the children and adults joining together in lots of different Christmas fun. Thank you again to everyone who supported the event.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Yesterday's service at the Trinity Methodist Church was a magical event with the children.

The children, as always, were all so well behaved both during the walk there and back and also in church. The children really are a credit to you all.

LATENESS REPORT

In response to the Government's policy to fine persistent lateness, the school has been monitoring children arriving late this term.

Over the term the amount of time lost to lateness has meant that **over 8 days of learning time has been lost** by children in Marfields.

Lateness can have a real impact on children's social and emotional wellbeing and readiness to learn.

We urge all families to arrive at school by 8.50am so that their child is in school on time. Please consider dropping your child off earlier at the Munch and Crunch Club where the children can read and enjoy some breakfast free of charge.

Where there is persistent lateness the school has issued letters to remind parents of the government's policy; although as a school we have yet to issue fines, we would like to remind parents that fines will be issued if persistent lateness continues.



See you all on Monday, 4th January!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

