



Saltaire Primary School

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December Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,



The autumn term has flown by in the blink of an eye. I can hardly believe that nearly four months have passed since the end of the summer holidays. This term has been so exciting with so many interesting topics covered in each year group. We were delighted to welcome the Ofsted inspection team so we could show them the fantastic learning our children experience. We hope you were as pleased with the outcome as we are.

School closes on Wednesday 19th December for the Christmas holiday and we will open again on Friday 4th January.

On the last day of term, children can come dressed in non-uniform (Christmas jumpers very welcome). We invite each child to contribute 50p to wear non-uniform which will be donated to charity.

Mrs Stoker Retires

On Wednesday, we say goodbye to Mrs Stoker as she retires from her post as Executive Headteacher after sixteen years at Saltaire Primary School. Mrs Stoker has served this community with endless passion and enthusiasm, leading the school through a period of great success. We have so many happy memories of her time here and it has been a pleasure to work alongside her. The school just won't be the same without her. I know that the children, staff, parents and governors will miss her greatly and wish her every happiness as she begins the next exciting phase of her life. We can't wait to hear all about her adventures.



Our new Deputy Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher

Congratulations to Mr Evans and Mrs Abbott who take up new positions as Deputy Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher from January. I am so looking forward to working with them when I take up my Headteacher. Both will continue to work with their current classes and lead their phases as they take up their new roles.



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Christmas Concerts

Last week's Christmas concerts were wonderful. The Wriggly Nativity was a joy to behold with angelic performances from the children. It was particularly brilliant to see our Reception children making their SPS debut. Our Night at the Christmas Movies showcased a marvelous selection of film favourites with some super singing, acting and dancing. Well done to all of the children for such amazing performances. I would like to say congratulations and a huge thankyou to all members of staff who helped to organise and rehearse such entertaining events.



Lunchtimes from January

We have recently been reviewing our lunchtime provision. In January, we are changing the timings so that lunch will be organised into three sittings. Children will have half an hour to eat their lunch followed by half an hour in the playground to take part in activities. Year 5 and Year 6 will have their playtime first before going to the hall for lunch. Staff have spent lots of time over the last few weeks, planning lunchtimes to make them even more sociable for children with plenty of time to eat their food and chat with their friends. We're hoping this will also lead to less food wastage and a more focused start to learning time in the afternoon.



Congratulations to Mrs Shillaker

Mrs Shillaker gave birth to a healthy baby boy on 7th December. We wish her and Mr Shillaker all the very best at this exciting time in their lives.

On behalf of all the staff and governors, may I wish you all a happy Christmas and a restful holiday. I am so excited to start 2019 as your new headteacher and look forward to serving the children and community of Saltaire Primary School in the years ahead. See you all in January.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Whitehead".

Rob Whitehead
Head of School