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Be Kind.

Be Brilliant.

Have an "I can" attitude.

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Dear Parents / Carers

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We finally made it! After what seems like the longest term ever, the children are definitely ready for their Christmas break. As ever, at this time of year, the children have been taking part in a number of exciting events and performances, and they have certainly done us proud.

FS / KS1 Show

Last week's performances of "Penguin Pete" were excellent. I was really impressed by the quality of the acting, the singing and dancing. It was clear that the children were enjoying themselves. Even when the backing track disappeared during one performance, the children just sang the song a capella, and received the biggest round of applause! It certainly showed their "I can" attitude in action.

KS2 Carol Concert

On Friday, the children in Key Stage 2 gave an amazing performance of traditional carols, alongside some readings and their own poems, at St Botolph's Church. I was quite literally blown away by the quality of the singing and the reading, and the setting itself was truly special. One of the staff working at the church turned to me and said that the singing was the best she had heard. A lovely compliment. Once again, the turnout of parents and family members was fantastic - there were over 200 people in the audience. What fantastic support!

Rock Steady

This week started on a musical note. The children who have been taking part in Rock Steady sessions this term performed some of their favourite songs on stage, in front of their proud parents and families. What amazing musicianship! The children played and sang with such confidence, something I know I would never have done at their age. I will never forget James' vocal performance, which literally brought the house down. Well done to all involved.

Young at Heart

On Tuesday this week, we held our annual Young at Heart event in school. It is a chance to welcome grandparents, and other senior members of the local community to celebrate together. It is also our way of saying a big thank-you to the grandparents for everything they do to support our children; they are often the unsung heroes of the families!

The Year 6 children served drinks and chatted to our guests, who were also treated to some performances of songs from last week's performances. We had lots of lovely comments from everyone who joined us, helping to make the occasion particularly special.

Singing in the Community

A group of children from Key Stage 2 went to perform some Christmas songs for the residents of Westroyd Care Home yesterday afternoon. As a school, we have been making an extra special effort to provide more opportunities for the children to be involved in community projects. This was the first time our children had been to sing at Westroyd, and their beautiful singing lit up the faces of the residents. You will find some photos on the Photo Page that accompanies this letter.



Sharing and Celebrating Work

On Monday this week, we had a large number of parents and family members joining us in school to look at some of the children's work from this term. The children were so proud to be able to talk about their work, and several of them showed me how much their work had improved since the start of the term! This was also a great opportunity to share and celebrate the amazing range of work that the children had completed with their families for their "tic tac toe" homework. Thank you to everyone who was able to take the time to join us. We will be providing more similar opportunities for parents to come into school next term, too.

Special Recognition Assembly

One of the proudest moments for me as Headteacher is to present the Special Recognition awards to the children on the last day of term. It is a wonderful opportunity to recognise those children who have really shown an exceptional attitude or personal achievement this term. This term, we had a record number of children selected for this award. As part of the celebrations, the children from Mrs Adcock's Dance Club gave a performance of some of the dances they'd been practising recently. This term's Governors Cup was awarded to Mason B for showing an outstanding attitude to school, really embodying the school's values. Mason has shown exceptional resilience and an amazing "I can" attitude throughout the term. Mrs Lofthouse, the Chair of Governors, presented to the trophy to Mason. Well done to everyone who received an award this term.

Special Recognition Awards were also given to the following children for their fantastic achievements this term. Well done!

Noah A - Bears Class	Sophia M - Rhinos Class
Finnley S - Bears Class	Libby B - Rhinos Class
Poppy G - Penguins Class	Lucy W - Elephants Class
James J - Penguins Class	Millie W - Elephants Class
Harry W - Turtles Class	Evie B - Tigers Class
Isla M - Turtles Class	Beau B - Tigers Class
Lola S - Leopards Class	Nathan J - Jaguars Class
Dylan H - Leopards Class	Evie D - Jaguars Class
Ruby T - Raccoons Class	Felicity M - from Mrs Robe
Freddie L - Raccoons Class	Sophie & Ellen G - from Mrs Robinson & Mrs Sanderson
Jayden H - Blue Whales Class	Archie D - from Mr Gilman
Pollyanna F - Blue Whales Class	Olivia L - from Mr Gilman

House Points

This term, the House that earned the most House Points overall was Oak House, with an astonishing **6702** points! Well done to all the Oak House children.

Dates for next term

- Monday 7th January: School re-opens for the new term.
- Wednesday 9th January: SATS information evening for parents (refer to letter sent out recently)
- Friday 18th January, 2:30 pm: Blue Whales class assembly.
- Friday 18th January: Young Voices event, Birmingham
- Wednesday 23rd January, 1:40pm: Elephants perform djembe drums for parents.
- Friday 25th January, 2:30pm: Leopards class assembly.
- Friday 1st February, 2:30pm: Rhinos class assembly.
- Week beginning Monday 11th February: parents evenings this week.
- Friday 15th February: last day of the half term. Half term holiday begins.

-Monday 25th February: INSET Day. School closed to pupils.

-Tuesday 26th February: school re-opens for pupils.

-Friday 12th April: end of term. Easter holiday begins.

INSET DAYS:

Monday 25th February

Friday 24th May

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your amazing support this term. I hope you have a fantastic Christmas break, and all best wishes for 2019.

Yours sincerely

Jason Gilman
Headteacher