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## Newsletter: Christmas 2021

Here we are at the end of the first school term, and the end of the calendar year – how quick time has flown by. This week has definitely been “Christmas Week” here at Stowlawn! We have enjoyed amazing Christmas Songs from Reception, and A fantastic Nativity from Year 2, and we still have our Carol Concert performed by Year 6 tomorrow. All of these performance will be on the school website for you to view by the end of this week.

Despite the visit to the Grand Theatre pantomime sadly being cancelled, children have enjoyed an online pantomime, and the highlight of the younger years party was surely the bouncy castle! Children have also had the opportunity to enjoy lots of Christmas crafts and activities.

I was hoping not to have to talk about the serious impact of Coronavirus, and this term we have had more staff and children’s absence through Coronavirus than in the whole of the previous time through the pandemic. With the new variant, it looks like things are becoming more serious. We very much hope we will be back in school as normal in January, but with restrictions beginning to increase we should be prepared for this not being the case. If there is any news during the holiday we will of course update you as soon as we know anything, so please keep your eye on Parentmail through the holidays.

### End of Term Thankyou’s

I would like to say a public thankyou to all the staff here at Stowlawn. They really do work so hard to provide your children with a fantastic education, as well as a range of different experiences and opportunities even during these difficult time.

A big thankyou goes to our fantastic Stowlawn children. Firstly, on behalf of all the staff for the presents and cards we have received. The children have worked so hard, and still cope with bubbles, separate lunch times and endless sanitising and handwashing!

A final big thankyou to you – the families who support all of us at Stowlawn. From personal experience, I know how difficult it can be receiving contact from school about short notice changes, and cancellations, or collecting children from school to be tested.

You support us, and support the children with their learning and that is what helps to make Stowlawn so special!

All that is left to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and Happy New Year, and we very much hope to see you back in school on Tuesday January 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Goodbye

It is the end of an era this week as Mrs Munro, our senior dinner supervisor retires after 30 years’ service to the school. She tells us that she has helped many of you, and now your children during her time at Stowlawn - she even attended the school as a child!

I am sure that you will join me in wishing her a very safe and happy retirement.



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### Dates For Your Diary

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6	Carol service / video
	Whole school	Break Up for Christmas Holidays Nursery : <b>11.30am</b> Reception , Year 1, 2 and 3 : <b>1.15pm</b> Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 : <b>1.20pm</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole School	Return to School
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School	Break Up for Half Term ( Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February – INSET day)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School	Return to school
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole school	Break Up for Easter holidays Nursery : <b>11.30am</b> Reception , Year 1, 2 and 3 : <b>1.15pm</b> Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 : <b>1.20pm</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School	Back to school
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole school	Break Up for half term
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Whole school	Break up for Summer holidays

*(1 further INSET / training day to be arranged at a later date)*

