

Happy Friday!

We've made it! I think you'd agree that it has been a long term but one which I have personally enjoyed enormously. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children and families of our fantastic community and look forward to (eventually!) learning all of the children's names. I'd like to thank all of you, our fantastic staff and our wonderful children for welcoming me to Beaconhill. There have been a number of highlights this term but I particularly enjoyed the **Christmas performances**, some of the jazzy **Christmas jumpers**, watching **England win 6-2** in the hall during the World Cup, **our after school clubs**, the **Jiu-Jitsu** taster sessions, **reading stories** to some of our younger children, attending **beach visits**, the **choir service at the care home** and, most importantly, watching the **engaging learning opportunities** which take place in every class each and every day. On behalf of all the staff, we would like to thank you all for the very generous cards and gifts as well as the kind words in the build up to Christmas - they are all very much appreciated. I hope that you and your families all enjoy a very merry, peaceful and restful Christmas break. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Many thanks, Mr Routledge



Year Three

As you know, **Miss Young** will be leaving us today for a permanent teaching post in a school nearby. In her short spell here, Miss Young has done a wonderful job and I know the staff and children will all miss her. She has spent time this week working alongside Mrs Cragg (who will be taking over from her from January) to ensure that we the children have a smooth transition.

INSET Day

A further reminder that Monday 9th January will be an **INSET day** for staff so school will reopen on **Tuesday 10th January**.

Education Welfare Officer

Our **EWO**, Hayley, will be in school on the first day of the Spring term to look at our **attendance** across school. This term has been challenging in terms of attendance, in part, due to some nasty winter and tummy bugs. **Improving attendance across school remains a key priority** and the role of the EWO is to support us, as well as you, in getting children into school on time every day. Attendance below 90% is classed as **persistent absenteeism** and should attendance drop below this, our EWO may be in touch to see what support can be offered.

Christmas Cards

On Wednesday, a representative from **Asda** and a member of staff from a local care home came to school to collect around **50 Christmas cards** that our children made over the last couple of weeks. The cards will be delivered to residents of the care home as well as vulnerable or lonely people in our community to spread Christmas cheer.

Times Table Rock Stars

Our children have continued to work hard on **Times Table Rock Stars**. I thoroughly enjoy checking my own TTRS

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account to see which children have set me a challenge - after all, I frequently set them challenges! The progress that children in Year 4 have made is testament to the time and effort they have put in at school as well as at home. Accessing the app every day or two for 5-10 minutes at a time can make a massive difference so please encourage your children to use it at home.

Out of School Club

This week children have continued to enjoy a range of Christmas art activities and films. As we go into the new term, there will be new OOSC activities to enjoy.

For further information - beaconhillloosc@trinityyouth.org.uk

For bookings - www.tyaipal.org.uk

In the first half of the spring term, Mr Wright will continue with his **art club** on a **Tuesday afternoon**. We will also have **Boxercise** sessions for Years 5 and 6. Should this prove to be a success, we will explore offering this club to younger children.