



17th December 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

As we approach the end of 2021, it is a time for reflection and for us all to focus on the real strength of our school community. This year has been a learning curve for us all but our achievements through working together have been nothing short of miraculous some days. From remote learning, to virtual competitions, to rehearsing nativities with no singing and Bikeability in the snow we have overcome everything that has been thrown at us all with a smile. The children have shown great resilience in dealing with staff absences and the unpredictability of knowing some days which friends will be in school. Your children are simply amazing and you should all be proud of each and every one of them. They have worked hard and in the most recent pupil discussions I was impressed with the knowledge the children have acquired during the term. Children were able to speak positively about their learning and share a wealth of knowledge about the subjects they had studied.

I want to thank you all for supporting us even when we know you have been frustrated at things changing at the last minute and testing. Some parents have questioned me about what is to come in January, I would love to have the answers to give you all but regrettably I don't. However, please know that we will all be here smiling in the New Year to work through whatever comes next and we will continue to ensure that our children and community are supported in the next stage of the journey. I hope that the New Year brings a return to the normality we had in school before October half term and this is what we are planning for.

The children have had a lovely Christmas week in school and it has been wonderful to see the Christmas craft they have completed, hear the joy at the Christmas parties and watch the video recordings of the nativities from KS1 and Reception. One child even told me "the party was mega!". Yesterday, we even had a very special visitor into school who took some time out from his Christmas Eve preparation for the afternoon. The children's faces were a picture!

In addition, I would like to say a huge thank you to the staff who continue to go above and beyond for the children at Britannia. They really do keep the children at the heart of all they do and over the past few weeks they have pulled together to ensure that we were able to continue to deliver high quality education in the face of adversity. I am sure you will join me in wishing them a restful and peaceful break.

Some Reminders

- Full school uniform and appropriate haircuts (no lines in hair) in January.
- School re-opens on Tuesday 4th January 2022
- Lowry Trip on Friday 7th January 2022
- Author visit to school on Wednesday 5th January 2022 (books will be available to purchase on this day)



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Stars of The Week

Reception- Prince

Year 1- Jacob M

Year 2- All Year 2 for a wonderful nativity performance

Year 3- Harley W

Year 4- Willow

Year 5- Bobby

Year 6- Tom

Sportsperson of The Term

Reception- Otis

Year 1- Harry

Year 2- Ruby

Year 3- Tom

Year 4- Matthew

Year 5- Jack T

Year 6- Sebastian

Congratulations to Archie



Congratulations to Archie from Year 2 who has taken part in a Rotary Club competition across all schools in Bacup and won. He has won not only a prize for himself but a prize for the school. Thank you and well done Archie. We are very proud of you!

Citizenship Award

Congratulations to all those children in Year 2, 4 and 6 who have completed the first part of the Britannia Active Citizen Award - you are all on track now to receive your first badge at the end of the year. For those children who have yet to complete their first section there is still time to get active before the new year. Don't forget to complete your first section and get it signed off!

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas with your families and friends and all the best for the New Year.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

