



Dear Parent/s and Carer/s,

Where has the term gone? It is hard to believe that we are at the last day, preparing for a two-week break with families and friends. So much has happened over the term (and it has been a long one!) that it is tricky to wrap it up briefly. However, I will do my best as I'm sure you all have a lot of other things to do!

Christmas Concerts



Aren't your children amazing? Over the course of the last three weeks, I have had the immense privilege of watching nativities from both Reception and Years 1&2 as well as a thoughtful, festive play about, "What does Christmas mean to you?" from Years 3&4. This was all topped off with a brilliant carol and Christmas Story production in St Marks Church from Years 5 & 6 yesterday evening. Each and every production showcased the confidence of our pupils and their pride in sharing their efforts with their parents, grandparents and our wider community. Each production was unique and the work of staff and children over the term, and in preparation for these events, was evident to all. Hopefully you all took just as much pleasure in watching the performances and supporting your children so successfully. Thank you for all the support, and I also pass on thanks from St Mark's for the performance and the generous collection donations over the two performances there.



Next Term



We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back to school on Tuesday 7th January at the normal time of 8:40-8:45 am. The learning for the spring term has been carefully planned by teachers and you will hear more about particular events for the next topic in the new year. There will be parents evenings on 4th and 6th February and you will be able to sign up for these from Monday 13th January. This gives an opportunity for teachers to share your child/ren's progress over the year so far, discuss next steps with you and for your children to share their day to day efforts with you. We look forward to seeing you in 2025!



Website



We are currently working, behind the scenes, to develop our website and make it a more useful hub of information for parent/s and carer/s. Ideally, it will become your first point of contact for finding out information about events, policies and everything else that is happening in school. Please bear with us while we work on this and remember that our office staff have a wealth of knowledge and if there is something they aren't sure about, they know who to ask! For now though, our new spring term topic plans will very soon be available for you to view.

Happy holidays

I am very grateful for all the appreciation and support you have shown North Heath staff this year. They are a brilliant team who honestly do have the best interests of all children at heart every day. There have been some challenges this year (they've had to get used to a new headteacher for a start!) and they have risen to the occasion every time. I am delighted that we have welcomed Miss Parker and Miss Head back to school following their maternity leaves and we now have a full complement of teachers and senior leaders.

I hope you all get the chance to rest and relax over the festive period and that you can enjoy the time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming you back to North Heath in January 2025!

Yours sincerely

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