



Lapal

Primary School

Newsletter

December 2022

Dear Parents/carers,

We have reached the end of another school term, and what a fantastic term it has been. Over the past few weeks the children have participated in assemblies, plays, mini markets, class reward afternoons, panto's, theatre trips, Christmas parties and community events. During these events the children have provided us with superb performances, displayed their entrepreneurial skills and demonstrated our school value of kindness.

I particularly enjoyed attending the Midlands Art Centre to watch the performance of 'The Bear' with our reception children and seeing each and everyone of our key stage one children shine in their Christmas performances.

It was also wonderful to be able to return to St Peter's church again this year. The key stage two children performed a wonderful programme of carols, drumming, glockenspiel playing and even sung in Spanish. Reverend Hazel said she thoroughly enjoyed the service and commented on how the children's behaviour was impeccable - well done everyone.

How wonderful it has been to return to running all of our Christmas events this year and inviting you to join us to celebrate. Thank you providing costumes, helping to practise lines and being so generous when we have carried out fundraising events. We couldn't do these things without your support.

I would like to say thank you to Mrs Tolan for her work at Lapal this term, Mrs Tolan leaves us today to take up a promotion at Bromley Pensnett Primary School - we wish her all the best for the future. Miss Tolley (Head of Inclusion), will be overseeing our special educational needs provision, alongside the leadership team, as we move into the Spring term.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for your gifts and wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas - enjoy this special time of the year with your family and friends. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Kind regards

Mrs J Turner

Executive Headteacher.

Diary Dates

Autumn 2022

Term starts

5th September

Half term

24th October - 28th October

Term ends

16th December

Spring 2023

Term starts

3rd January

Half term

20th February - 24th February

Term ends

31st March

Summer 2023

Term starts

17th April

Half term

30th May - 2nd June

Term ends

25th July

INSET DAYS

Monday 27th February 2023

Friday 31st March 2023

Friday 26th May 2023

Please see our online calendar on our website for all our event Information

Reception

To start our Christmas celebrations, Reception visited the MAC Theatre, Birmingham to watch a performance of Raymond Briggs The Bear. We were incredibly proud of how the children represented Lapal on their first school trip.



We have had a lovely evening in school tonight. We all came back to school wearing our favourite pyjamas and enjoyed watching 'The Snowman' with our friends. We ate cookies and drank chocolate milk together too, what a treat! Then we walked into a beautiful Christmas grotto to visit somebody very special. Inside the grotto, Father Christmas talked to us about Mrs Claus and his reindeers. He told us how busy his elves had been over the last couple of weeks and he told us that all of the presents are wrapped and ready to be delivered in under two weeks time. Father Christmas had heard how super we all were in our Christmas Productions and said that he was very proud of us! Father Christmas gave us a gift to take home too, how kind! To finish our special evening, we went back to our classrooms and listened to a story read by our teacher.



Key Stage 1

Year Two Christmas Production

Our Year Two children put on quite the performance this week and brought all of the sparkle of Christmas to our Inn-spectors themed nativity.

Our hosts gave Ant and Dec a run for their money as they confidently navigated us through the show. Our beautiful angels elegantly danced for us meanwhile the donkey made us laugh as he gave a show stopping performance.

A big well done to all of you for learning your lines, speaking confidently, singing beautifully and dancing your socks off.

Parents and carers, thank you for providing the children with their costumes and for being a fantastic audience and joining in with the children.

As Mrs Turner said, it was just like being in the West End! Well done, Year Two!



Key Stage 2

Year 5 and 6 spent their time on Wednesday, using their business acumen by running this terms Mini Market. There were a range of stalls from; Hot Chocolate, Raffles, Ice cream, Doughnuts and general sales. The pupils did extremely well and raised £983.82.

On Thursday morning, KS2 hosted a Christmas carol service at St Peter's Church. The event included many wonderful performances, not just beautiful singing but a wide range of musical instruments being played by our pupils and Mr Davies on his guitar. It was a lovely way for KS2 to celebrate and remind us of the purpose and the joy of Christmas. I would also like to say a special thanks to Mrs Wootton who took a lot of time organising the songs and performances as well as arranging the event.

Household Support Fund

This scheme is to help Dudley residents struggling to pay bills due to the cost of living increases. It is a one-off payment made to eligible households in Dudley Borough. To apply, certain criteria needs to be met (see information on link) and an application form completed.

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/council-community/cost-of-living/household-support-fund/>

Parent Problem Solving Circles and Free Parenting Courses

Our Family Centres are now offering activities and Parent Problem Solving Circles to families at their centres. Parents have stated that they have found these very useful as they are based on a restorative based approach to problem solving.

[Dudley Parenting Services](#)

New devices

If your child receives a new online device this Christmas, please check and set parental controls so you can see which sites they are accessing and who they are interacting with. Please check their security and privacy settings are set to the highest level. If you want any support with this then please don't hesitate to contact us when we return to school.

Vacancies

[Office Manager—Lutley Primary School](#)

Is your child, a friend or family member's child due to start school in September 2023?

To book a visit or for more information about our school or the admissions process please contact us on 01384 818200.

Dudley's application deadline is **15th January 2023**

Safeguarding

If you are concerned about a child then please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead who is Mrs Atkinson, or our Deputy Safeguarding Leads who are Mrs Turner and Mr Maynes.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of us all. If we are concerned about a child we have a duty to contact Children's Service, if you are concerned about a child, outside school, then you can call 0300 555 0050 with your concerns and seek advice. Our safeguarding policy can be found on our school website.