

# NORTHGATE NEWS!



Christmas is nearly upon us and it has been a very busy time in school. It has been particularly lovely to see so many of you at the Christmas performances over the last week. We really enjoy having parents back in school celebrating this special time. The children (and the staff) all did a fabulous job with the singing which really got us in the mood for Christmas. Particular congratulations go to everyone in the Nursery and in Reception for the 'Twinkly Nativity'. What a brilliant performance – the singing was so impressive.

Although there was a lot of walking involved, the children enjoyed the Robin Hood Panto last week. Thank you to the PTA for subsidising the cost so that everyone could go. Thanks also to the parent helpers who came with us and had to put up with the cold and the rain to get the children back to school.

We were amazed at the amount of money raised through the 'Jolly Jog' – the total is now over £2,000 thanks to you, your friends and family and your generous sponsorship. This money will be put to good use for the children and the PTA will be sending out a newsletter giving more details very soon.

I'd like to thank all the kitchen staff for the delicious Christmas dinners that children enjoyed last week. Today the children look very festive in their Christmas jumpers and are excited about their parties. Thanks also to 'Santa' who is paying a special visit to some of the parties with some exciting deliveries.

We are grateful to a local company – Perenco – for a generous donation of food to our food bank. If you need to access this in the New Year, please contact the office or Miss Gill, our Parent support Adviser.

We are sad to say goodbye to some staff who are leaving us today. Good luck to Mrs Back, Mrs Jarvis, Mrs Wilson, Miss Cantell, Mrs K Smith and Miss Brodie who are all leaving us to other jobs that involve working with children and families. Good luck also to Mrs Dighton and Miss Johnson who are going on maternity leave. I will be reverting to my regular job of Deputy Head in the New Year. It has been a privilege to be the Head at Northgate for the last year and I am looking forward to working with Miss Bacon, our new Head teacher in January.

Meanwhile, I hope you and your family have a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

## **Important Dates**

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> January – School re-opens.

w/c 15<sup>th</sup> January – Into University focus week – Apollo Class

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> January – Bikeability Years 3 and 4

Weds 24<sup>th</sup> Jan – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y4 Residential Aylmerton

w/c 29<sup>th</sup> Jan – Into University focus week – Soyuz Class

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb – School closes for half term