

*Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018*

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a final newsletter from the pupils, staff and governors at Wildmoor Heath to wish you and your families a very joyous and restful festive season.

The end of term has been very active; we were delighted with the fabulous attendance at our nativity play and the three carol concerts this year. Thank you to all those who attended, bringing with them family members and good cheer. The children sang and acted enthusiastically and truly enjoyed performing to an appreciative audience. Special mention must be made to our musicians Erin and Christian who performed on the cornet and trombone, and to all our vocal soloists. Thank you to Mrs Leach who choreographed the whole concert.



Our school choir has also done us proud this year under the leadership of Mrs Leach and Mrs Webb. The choir has performed at our Christmas Fayre, during the carol concert and for the elderly at St., Brendan's, Coates Day Home, St John's Church and the Bracknell Forest Christmas Concert at the Leisure Centre. At Wildmoor Heath, we value our close community spirit and are keen that our pupils integrate fully with their community in all ways. We are aiming to increase our community participation throughout 2019 and would welcome any suggestions from our parents and carers to help us do this.

On Wednesday this week, our catering team did us proud and we all enjoyed a delicious traditional Christmas meal, followed by Christmas cookies. This was great fun and prepared us for the end of term; the children are becoming excited for start of the festivities at home. Our end of term parties will be on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon.

As we approach term-end, a reminder that our last day of the term will be Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> December and we will close at 3:15pm as usual. The children will be issued with some holiday homework, including reading, times tables and spellings. Year 6 pupils will receive some published revision books and will complete certain pages over the holidays. We recommend that your children enjoy Christmas, have a good rest, and leave their homework until the week after New Year so that it is completed ready for the first day of term. We open at 8:40pm prompt on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Once again, our many thanks to you all for your much valued support throughout this term and our warmest wishes for a restful and enjoyable festive season, wherever you may be. ☺

**Leslie Semper**

Headteacher

## *Forthcoming Events*

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 3.15pm – End of Term**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 8.40am – Start of Term**

**8<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 3 Spring Term swimming lessons commences

14<sup>th</sup> January – Year 6 RYG and SATs Meeting 3.30pm and 6.00pm

**18<sup>th</sup> January** *Y4 Assembly*

**25<sup>th</sup> January** *Grandparents' Afternoon 2-3pm*

**w/c 28<sup>th</sup> January** E-Safety Week

**28<sup>th</sup> January** Year 3 Trip to Natural History Museum

**31<sup>st</sup> January** *HT/ DHT Coffee afternoon 2.45pm – 3.15pm*

**w/c 5<sup>th</sup> February** Internet Safety Day (Assembly)

**12<sup>th</sup> February and 14<sup>th</sup> February** Parents Evenings

**15<sup>th</sup> February** Closed for Staff Inset Day

**18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February** - **CLOSED FOR HALF-TERM HOLIDAY**

**w/c 25<sup>th</sup> February** SATS Booster Groups commence

**Tues 26<sup>th</sup> February** SATS workshop for Year 6 parents/carers

**7<sup>th</sup> March** World Book Day

**8<sup>th</sup> March** *Y3 Assembly*

**13<sup>th</sup> March** Bracknell Forest Schools' Hockey Festival

**15<sup>th</sup> March** *HT/ DHT Coffee Morning 9.15am – 10.15pm*

**29<sup>th</sup> March** *Mother's Day Assemblies (R, 1&2, 3&4, 5&6)*

**2<sup>nd</sup> April** Last swimming lesson for Year 3

**5<sup>th</sup> April** - **END OF TERM – School closes at 3.15pm**

## A Snapshot of Our Last Week in School

### Reception Nativity



### Festive Lunch at Wildmoor Heath, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December



## Carol Concerts in the School Hall



## **Safety Alert**

We have been asked, by the Bracknell Forest Safeguarding Team, to forward the following information:

Yesterday, 18th December, at approximately 3.30pm, a primary school child was allegedly 'grabbed' by a male who had been hiding in a bush as the child passed by. This incident happened between the Mendip Road and Nuthurst area of Crown Wood, Bracknell. This male is described as white, age 50 years, approximately 6ft tall and with a grey beard. Thames Valley Police are aware of this and are investigating the matter. Parents and carers are encouraged to talk to their children about personal safety. Any further concerns should be reported to Thames Valley Police using the 101 number.

## **Lunchtime Team Vacancies**

We have the opportunity to join the Wildmoor Heath Team as a member of the lunchtime support staff, with effect from, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 or as soon as possible. The hours are 12.00 until 1.30, Monday to Friday, term time only at £8.81 per hour. If you are interested in this role, please either go online to [www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/jobs](http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/jobs) or pop in to the Office for an application form or for a chat to find out more about this role.

## **Child Protection and Safeguarding Issues: Mrs Semper, Mr Thomas and Mrs Webb**

The safeguarding, welfare, health and safety of all our pupils and staff is the foremost concern for all staff and governors and we are proud to have excellent safeguarding procedures in place at Wildmoor Heath. Mrs Semper is the Designated Safety Leader (DSL), Mr Thomas and Mrs Webb are the Deputy Designated Safety Leaders (DDSL). The Safeguarding Policy (September 2018) can be found on the school website and/or a copy can be requested from the school office. The policy has recently been updated in line with new governmental requirements, is personalised to Wildmoor Heath and is fully compliant across all Greenshaw Learning Trust academy schools.

If you should have any concerns about the welfare of any child in our community, please do not hesitate to advise Mrs Semper, Mr Thomas or Mrs Webb. We are trained to listen carefully and to follow up on any concerns. If you seek advice over any potential safeguarding issue, we are most happy to listen and advise.