



# TATTENHALL PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Tattenhall Park families,

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2024



My apologies for the absence of a newsletter last week, it was truly the most hectic of weeks- you are certainly in for a bumper two-week issue today!

The last two weeks have been just fabulous. Last week, we held two after-school events for the children run by the staff; 'An Evening with a Elf' and 'Polar Express'. Both evenings were a huge success and there were some very special Christmas memories made. Events like this take an incredible amount of work and I know the staff really appreciated all your kind words after the events.



There have been some great sporting and acting achievements to celebrate- last week, Year 3 and 4 delivered an amazing version of 'It's Christmas', the final song literally had parents and grandparents dancing in the aisles and we heard some superb solos and speaking parts.



Our Indoor Athletics team were **2024 champions** on Thursday, last week, and we are grateful to Miss Comish, Mrs Hughes and Mrs Mason for organising and supporting our sporting stars. Miss Comish said the children showed amazing sportsmanship throughout the evening and asked me to thank parents for providing transport to the event.

On Friday, we had **Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner** day- Mrs Blackhurst and Mrs Williams produced a delicious dinner and the staff worked their socks off to ensure every child received a Christmas feast. They also managed to clear the hall and assemble a whole life size Polar Express by 2.30pm!







The elves have been busy every day causing chaos across the school- at the time of writing this letter I am quaking with worry about what the last day of term will bring!



On Monday, this week, we held a family **Lantern Making Workshop** to create lanterns for the **Village Advent Trail** walk at 4pm on 24<sup>th</sup> December. The walk will begin at the Barbour Institute and will visit all the advent windows around the village, ending at the church a short service. Watch out for our very own advent window featuring a scene from the **'Spinney Tales Nativity'** in the school office window on 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

Despite all the Christmas festivities, our children have still been busy immersing themselves in the curriculum. Reception have been creating some **fabulous hibernation homes** for our school hedgehogs Sonic and Coco and Year 5 have been investigating reversible and irreversible changes in the Wildery area. They made some particularly impressive rockets and tasty tortillas!





On Wednesday this week, we had a very moving service at St. Alban's with some superb singing and narrations from Years 5 and 6. We also had parties, with a visit from Father Christmas, for Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 and a Silent Disco for Key Stage 2 on Thursday and Friday. Thank you so much to the PTFA for providing; gifts, nibbles and funding for these events to go ahead.

It certainly has been the busiest, but most wonderful, of fortnights.



On a final note, this is the last week of my first year as the headteacher of Tattenhall Park Primary. It has been an absolute privilege to work with the staff, children, parents and local community and I am so grateful for the support and encouragement everyone has given me over the past year.

Tattenhall is a magical school with a big heart, filled with the most amazing, inquisitive children. I am truly blessed with a passionate staff team, who deeply care about our school family and work tirelessly to provide the children with unique educational experiences. 2025 will be the 55<sup>th</sup> birthday for the school and I know as an educational community, we have some great adventures ahead.

On behalf of my staff and myself, I wish you a very happy and restful Christmas with your families and friends and a wonderful new year. Best wishes,

Nicky Bolton, Headteacher



Don't forget the children are back to school on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**.