



Headteacher: Mr. D. Lewin
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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Over the last few weeks I have been having a wonderful time enjoying all of the Christmas and end of term productions that have been put on by each of the different parts of the school. As ever I have been amazed and impressed by the quality of our children's singing and acting - and I know from all of your appreciative comments just how impressed you have been too. The children have worked incredibly hard, with lots of help from home in learning parts and putting costumes together - thank you for all of your help, and special thanks to all of our very talented teachers and teaching assistants who have worked so hard and with such dedication during these very busy months!

At the end of this term we will be saying **goodbye to Mrs Rosewarne**, who has been teaching in Year 1 and 2 for just over four years. Mrs Rosewarne has done a wonderful job for all of the different children that she has taught during this time and we will be sorry to see her go - however I know we will be staying in touch with her as she is going to be doing some teaching in the Children's Centre next door from January.

We will also be saying goodbye to **Miss Evans**, who joined us as a teaching assistant this year for a short while before continuing her travel and study plans. We all wish her the best also - especially with her university studies later this year. **Mr Isherwood**, who has been working with us for the past year, will also be moving on to work with several different schools for much of the week next term - although we will continue to see him here at Wood Farm until the summer as he will be carrying on working with us on some writing projects, and other areas of learning. Many thanks to him for all his hard work - I know that lots of children have really enjoyed being in his classes.

Advance notice that on Wednesday 13th January we are holding a **special session for Parents and Carers of children who speak languages other than English**, on supporting children with their reading at home. It will be an informal but practical session, led by the staff in our school who help children who are learning English or who speak English as a second language - starting just after 2:15 in the school library.

A reminder that **term finishes at 2:30 this Friday**, and we re-open on Tuesday 5th January. Up to date term dates are available on our school web site: www.wood-farm.oxon.sch.uk Please do have a look in the lost property boxes today and tomorrow as uncollected items will be disposed of on Friday.

Snow is forecast for the end of this week - I'm sure it won't affect us but if there is a very heavy downfall, or if you are unsure please do listen to BBC Radio Oxford in the mornings (95.2 FM), plus you can check the county council's web site www.oxfordshire.gov.uk for information on school closures. This information can sometimes take a while to update so if in any doubt, and if your child normally comes to school on their own, please confirm that school is open as normal before your child sets off.

And finally, I do hope that you enjoy a happy and restful holiday. Thank you for all of your cards and best wishes to school staff over the last few weeks. We look forward to seeing everyone back in January!

With best wishes from Mr. Lewin and everyone at Wood Farm School.

