



**MAPS Newsletter: guiding you through life at our school!**

**Term 2, Edition 14 Week Ending 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**Perfect performances:** It has been a fantastic week of celebrations and shows! Firstly, the choir performed at St Matthew's church on Tuesday, singing beautifully and behaving impeccably representing our school at its best. Amelia also completed a reading which she did brilliantly. Wednesday started with a piano concert from some of our resident pianists! Children from Year 1 – 3 performed showing great skill and confidence playing in front of an audience. Following this and into Thursday, our Reception, Year 1 and 2 children performed in their Christmas shows which were also great! Reception's more traditional nativity told the Christmas story through songs, acting and the really clear narrators while Key Stage One opted for 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'. This was great fun to watch, again with great singing, acting and children remembering their lines brilliantly.

**Links with the University of Northampton:** Some of our artistically talented children visited the art gallery at the University. Also, the children in year 3 had the chance to watch the pantomime of Cinderella also put on by the University. Both of which were amazing.

**Christmas fun:** We also all managed to have our Christmas lunch together which the children and staff really enjoyed! Thank you to Chartwells and the kitchen staff for providing such a great dinner! All of the children also had the treat of watching 'Beauty and the Beast' performed by the Looking Glass Theatre. The pantomime was great and the children enjoyed being a part of this show.



**Christmas Accessories Day:** Thank you to everyone who has donated gifts for the children's wards at Northampton General Hospital; we were overwhelmed with the generosity from you all and we will be delivering these next week. The children all looked fantastic in the Christmas accessories today, it's really starting to feel festive!

**Reminders for next week:**

Year 3 end of term showcase – The True meaning of Christmas, 2.30pm.

Our last day in school is Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. In the morning at 8.50am we will have our final celebration worship which will include Christmas birthdays and 100% attendance for the term. Parents are always invited to join us for this. At 2.30pm, we will be singing some carols around the tree (weather permitting this will be outside!). Everyone is invited to join us.

Dates for your diary

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

- 2.30pm – Year 3 end of term showcase

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

- Party Lunch with a special visitor
- 2.30pm Carols round the tree – all welcome.

**Coming up:**

This Term's Virtue:  
**Kindness**



**Words of the week:** Please try and use these words at home over the weekend!

Squirrels: Tremble

Hedgehogs: Determined

Badgers: Plough

Foxes: Plonk

Lions: Bedlam

Tigers: Hazardous



**Photographs:** A reminder that if photographs taken over the festive period include other children, please use these responsibly.

**Reports:** Your child's school report has been sent out via the app today. You need to have your child linked to receive this. Please pop into the office for assistance if you do not receive the report. If you would like another parent linked to the app to receive the same information, please either email [office@malcolmarnoldprep.co.uk](mailto:office@malcolmarnoldprep.co.uk) with the details (name, relationship to child, email address and telephone number) or speak to Miss Carter in the office.

**Christmas Gallery:**



Attendance this week:	
Reception Overall: 97.6%	Robins 97.4% Sparrows: 97.9%
Year One Overall 97.8%	Hedgehogs 97% Squirrels 98.7%
Year Two Overall: 97.9%	Foxes 97.1% Badgers 98.8%
Year 3 Overall: 95.4%	Lions: 95% Tigers: 95.8%

**Attendance**

Well Done to Squirrels with  
**98.7%**  
attendance for the week!

Whole School Weekly attendance: 97.8%  
Whole School Year to Date attendance: 98%

*We are reaching for the attendance moon this week with whole school attendance of 97.8%. Our aim is to be 97%+*



**Crack down on lateness: Please ensure your child is in school on time. This week we have lost 223 minutes of learning due to lateness of children.**