



Roade Primary School Newsletter 8

Friday 15th December 2023

Goodbye from Mrs Currell



As I reach my final few days here at Roade Primary School, I just want to say what a pleasure and a privilege it has been to work with your amazing children and to be part of such a lovely school and community. Roade Primary School has been my life for just over 28 years and during that time I have got to know so many children and families whom I will always remember fondly. When I joined Roade all those years ago, fresh out of university, I never expected to stay so long, but I am very glad I did. It has given me many happy memories, wonderful colleagues and lifelong friends, not to mention a wonderful husband! I have seen the school change and grow over the years, and I am very proud to have been a little part of that journey.

Although I am leaving, I am very grateful to have worked with Mrs Michel for a short time and know that under her leadership the school will continue to Aim High & Reach for the Sky, always striving to be the very best it can be. I shall watch from afar and will always keep Roade Primary and its community close to my heart.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your child's school journey. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Currell

A message from the Headteacher



Being in a primary school during the festive period is a joy and a privilege and Roade Primary has certainly delivered. The school has been full of singing, acting, musical performances and of course - some excellent cracker jokes! It has been wonderful watching the children perform with such confidence and I have felt so proud of them all.

Thank you to all of you who took the time to complete the parent questionnaire. Your feedback is really important to us, and we will be sharing the results with you in the new year.

Finally, I can't quite believe we have (almost!) reached the end of term. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank for being so welcoming over the past few months. I have thoroughly enjoyed leading the school and am so excited for what the future holds.

Just a reminder that we break up on Wednesday 20th December. Have a wonderful Christmas break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 8th January.

Mrs Michel

STAR OF THE WEEK

Stars of the Week

We have enjoyed some more celebration assemblies. There have been so many positives with children working hard across all different subjects. Congratulations to all our Stars of the Week for the last two weeks:

Remi-Mae, Tate, Phoebe, George, Kiera, Aya, Alfie, Annabelle, Layla, Elliot, Callie, Eris, Lyla, Merrin, Leighton, Anya, Henry, Sumaya, Elora, Katelyn, Harriett, Harry, William, Noah, Chloe, Eva and Oliver.

Spring Term Clubs

As you know, we have started to increase our offer for after school clubs and we have even more in store for January.

Alongside some free teacher run clubs (including mindfulness, reading and craft, British Sign Language and Forensic Science), we also have some new and exciting external clubs. These include Lego club, Cookery, French and Science.

Information about clubs will be emailed home today.



A fond farewell and staffing update

Next week we will say a sad goodbye to both Mrs Currell and Mr Wilson. Both members of staff have committed so much of their time to make the school an amazing place to be. I know there will many of you would like to join me in thanking them for their hard work and dedication. They will both certainly be missed.

Congratulations to Mr Taylor who will be taking on the role of Acting Assistant Head as an interim measure. I am also delighted to announce that we have a new teacher joining the year 4 team. Miss Bishop will be job sharing with Mr Taylor and comes to us with a wealth of teaching experience. I am sure you will all welcome her warmly to the Roade team.

Children in need fundraising

Thank you to all our families who donated to Children in Need. We raised a total of £326.46 for this worthy cause.



ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for this week:

Whole school attendance to date – 95.5%

Whole school attendance for the last 2 weeks – 95.1%

Highest attendance for the last 2 weeks: Year 1 – 98.3%



Year 3 Brass Performance

Last week, year 3 absolutely blew us away when they performed with gusto to a packed-out audience. The whole year group have been learning a variety of brass instruments for the past 10 weeks with two teachers from the Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust (NMPAT).

The children played a selection of different musical pieces and were able to successfully follow hand signals to know which notes to play. It was truly impressive.

Well done to all of year 3 for their fantastic performance!



Year 1 Christmas Singing Concert

Our year 1 pupils had their turn in the spotlight to perform to their families a selection of Christmas songs and some Christmas cracker jokes. Despite being some of the youngest in the school, they did a wonderful job of performing. A particular highlight for me was the Christmas poem they retold by heart. A huge thank you to Mrs Richings and Miss Berry for all their hard work in putting the show together. Well done year 1!



Year 2 Christmas Singing Concert

On Thursday 7th December, year 2 treated us all to some 'sparkle and shine' when they performed a selection of Christmas songs to kick off our season of Christmas performances. I particularly enjoyed the selection of classic Christmas cracker jokes the children told with excellent comic timing. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Wilson and Mrs Owen for putting on such an excellent show.

KS2 Carols in the playground

Thank you to all the Roade families who joined us for a lovely evening of a selection of traditional Christmas carols and some firm Christmas favourites. Despite the cold, all the children performed brilliantly. A huge thank you to all the KS2 teaching team for working so hard to prepare the children. A special thanks to Mrs Baldry (our music lead for the school) for organising the event.

I would also like to pass on my thanks to the Friends of Roade Primary for supporting the school to raise funds for our new projects.

