

# Newsletter

17th December 2021

#### Dear all,

I have now completed a full term at Moretonhampstead! It has been an exciting term which I have thoroughly enjoyed. I feel happy and settled at Moreton! Thank you for making me feel so welcome, it has been great getting to know everyone. The school is a happy, caring and exciting place and it is a real privilege to work here with such a dedicated and enthusiastic staff team.

This week, Christmas activities have included a marvellous Christmas lunch on Wednesday with over 100 children and 18 staff eating. A huge thank you to Zoe, Emma, Jacqui and Leanne for such a delicious festive feast! On Monday, Rector Sue Sheppard came into school and led the children in a lovely assembly. Our choir, who had performed at the Miniature Pony Centre at the weekend, went on to visit Tesco in Newton Abbot and Exeter Cathedral to spread more Christmas cheer! The children have enjoyed all sorts of craft activities and have remained positive and well behaved, despite being shattered!

School reopens on Wednesday 5th January with the **current Covid measures remaining in place** for example, same drop off and pick up times etc. We will continue to need to keep school very well ventilated, so please 'layer up' your children if the January weather is chilly! In the event of any changes to Government Guidance, I will write to you on Tuesday 4th January - so please do check emails.

I hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Wonderful 2022.

Kind regards, Mrs Alex Waterman





#### **Christmas Dinner**









Dates for your diary	
Wed 5th January	First day of Term
21st – 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term Holiday
21st – 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Bikeability
4th—6th April	Y6 Residential
Fri 8th April	SCHOOL CLOSES AT 2PM—END OF TERM

# News from the classes

#### **Little Tors**

This week has been all about Christmas in 'Little Tors', we have been extremely busy making our Christmas cards, penguins and polar bears for our class display which you will be able to see in the window of our local coop and playdough Christmas trees which we used pipe cleaners and jewels as decorations. We had a lovely afternoon with our friends from Pepperdon joining in with party games such as musical statues, heads or tails, musical bumps finishing off with a dance competition.

Merry Christmas to you all and we look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.



#### Pepperdon

This week in Pepperdon we have had a class party which I nvolved musical bumps/statues/the continents game and a dance competition. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2022! See you next year!



#### Easdon

Easdon have been busy finishing off their clay nativity scenes.



## Shapley

The children in Shapley have made some fantastic musical instruments this during outdoor learning using natural materials. They sound fantastic too!



## Mardon

Mardon and Shapley had a great time making Christmas bags today! Have a great holiday!



#### Beckaford

We have had such a lovely final week of term in Beckaford. On Wednesday, the children had their marble treat morning which they chose to spend watching a Christmas film, playing games and making Christmas treats.

