End of Term Newsletter.

This has been the busiest couple of weeks yet!! I hope you en joyed our performance of 'Christmas with the Aliens' last Tuesday and Wednesday. We were so proud of every single child — they worked so hard to learn the words to all the songs and their individual parts They really rose to the occasion with such confidence. Thank you so much for all your kind comments!

The children have been busy making Christmas cards and tree decorations for both the Methodist and St. Peter's churches (you may have visited the tree festival last weekend at St. Peter's church) as well as continuing with seasonal activities in Maths, English and R.E.

Last Friday was the most exciting day ever with a visit to Newark theatre to watch a wonderful performance of Cinderella followed by a picnic lunch back at school — thank you to our parent helpers for accompanying us to the pantomime.

On Monday morning, we en joyed a whole school assembly all about caring for dogs and how to behave safely and kindly around them. This visit was then followed up with a half hour session in our classroom to reinforce the information from assembly. The children listened beautifully and really en joyed the workshop.

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Further excitement on Wednesday — it was both Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day! The dinner that was superbly prepared by the wonderful Mrs Plumb and her team! The children looked so bright and sparkly in their Christmas jumpers as you can see from the photo below.



There are some photographs of the day for you to enjoy on the class page of the school website.

We en joyed a lovely Christmas party on Thursday afternoon — lots of sparkly outfits, great dancing, games and some delicious party food! The children had a fantastic time and our thanks go to Mrs Plumb for setting out the food for us.

Outdoor P.E. on a Friday with Nick has now come to an end until later in the year. We are so pleased that it is now our turn in Key Stage I to spend time with Gordon Fearn next term for P.E. The children will remember Gordon from last year and he will be building on skills previously learnt. The sessions will be indoors every Friday for the duration of the spring term. Outdoor P.E. will resume in the summer term.

Spelling:

I have been very pleased with how well the children have adapted to the routine of regular, weekly spelling tests and it is clear they have been supported and encouraged at home. The new lists for the first half of the spring term are already on my class page of the school website (under the 'homework' icon. I will also provide the children with a copy as well as the individual weekly list next term. The first test will take place on Friday January 13^{th} , 2023.

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Homework:

In addition to regular reading, I am attaching some optional festive maths homework challenges if your child is keen to have a go over the Christmas holidays. I am sure you will appreciate the opportunity to keep your very excitable children quiet and calm whenever possible!! Also, your child might have told you about our virtual class Advent calendar. We have been en joying this every day, but it will all stop on the 16^{th} December when we break up! Unfortunately, it is not a free calendar but for 7 pounds it is well worth the money if you are interested in keeping your child occupied during the build up to Christmas! There is a wealth of activities, games, puzzles and daily mini videos to en joy — they love it and know how to navigate their way around the calendar. If you are interested, it is the Jacquie Lawson Sussex calendar and can be purchased at www. jacquielawson.com/advent/calendars

