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HEAD TEACHER MONTHLY – December 2019

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I cannot believe we are at the end of the Autumn Term already! It has been a great term and I am so proud of our children and the staff team at MPA. We may be small in numbers but we are huge in heart! We hope that you have enjoyed the different events that we have planned for the children and yourselves and we have shared some festive cheer.

Staffing update

Miss Scrutton will be teaching Silver Studded Blue Class from January and we welcome Mrs Saunders who will be the new teacher for Adonis Blue Class. Mrs Saunders spent a day with us this week and is very much looking forward to joining the MPA team. Mrs Flude who supports Carol and the children at lunchtime will also be leaving at the end of term. We wish her well for the future and thank her for her hard work. Her lunch duties will be covered by the current staff team.

FOSS Events

Our partnership with the other local small school has been really positive. It was an honour to host the FOSS netball and football tournament at MPA. Our netball team came fifth but really enjoyed the experience and our football team came joint second! We are very proud of all the children for taking part and representing our school so positively. In addition to the sporting event, we hosted a drama workshop for the Year Six children. This was led by the actors from the Red Rose Chain Theatre Group. The children loved the workshop and were so excited to see the production of the " Magic Fishbone" at the Gipeswyk theatre. We are very much looking forward to working together with the FOSS schools in the new year.

PTA Events

Thank you to the school community for supporting the recent PTA events. The baubles were beautiful and decorated the school entrance so that every visitor could see the amazing art work. Mr Cardy from Band Academy selected the winners and the children received a chocolate Santa. Our Christmas fair was very well supported and we managed to exceed our total of £1,000. I want to publically thank the PTA team for their commitment to the school. We are very grateful for all that you do. The money we are raising is for playground equipment for the children at break and lunchtimes.

Nativities

We really did feel the festive spirit after watching the children in Small Blue and Holly Blue perform their nativities to their families. The children sang beautifully, acted with confidence and performed some great dances. These for me were a real highlight of this half term. Thank you again for supporting the school with getting the wonderful costumes for the children. We raised £100 pounds from the collections which we have donated to the Samaritans.

Ipswich Town Football Club

We are going to be "School of The Day!" at the Ipswich Town Stadium on Saturday 25 January 2020. This means that we have 50 adult and 50 child tickets Ipswich verses Lincoln. If you would like the opportunity to go and support your local team, then please let the office know. I will allocate the tickets to the first fifty parents that express interest.

Kindness Calendar

During December we have not had an advent calendar instead we have focussed on our kindness calendar. This has involved children and staff being kind to everyone and completing daily tasks eg helping others who you can see are having a difficult time, smiling at as many people as possible. We feel that this is very important and links closely to our learning powers respect and responsibility.

Please see a selection of photos from recent events that have taken place at school.

I wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Miss E Churchman
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