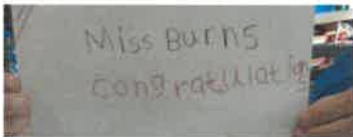




### Welcome to 2023

I hope that all families enjoyed a peaceful and harmonious Christmas, and that Santa was kind to you all! The children have enjoyed telling us about their Christmas news and sharing tales of their favourite presents! Staff returned to school on Wednesday for a full day of training. It was great to see pupils returning to school yesterday and already keen to engage in their learning and catch up with their friends. We are looking forward to a prosperous 2023 in school and are confident that all pupils will continue to make good progress across all aspects of their learning.



We start the year by sharing some good news! Miss Burns gave birth to a healthy baby boy on 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Mother and baby are doing well and we sent the family our best wishes.

### Online Safety Training

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, we will be offering training for parents in how to keep their children safe when they are accessing online sites. This training will be in school at 9.30am and you should have received a letter detailing this, enabling you to return a slip to indicate your wish to attend. Please contact the

school office on 01920 485152 if you wish to attend.

### Reading Books For Home

Mrs Cox will be writing to families in the next week to explain about our new initiative whereby we will be sending reading books and activities home with the children. All children visit the library and bring home a library book to share but this initiative will be centred around an appropriate reading book or task that you can complete together at home. Look out for the letter from Mrs Cox which will explain more.

### Potential ill health

We are aware that some staff and pupils have been poorly over Christmas and we send warm wishes for a speedy recovery. We have been advised through formal guidance that cases of COVID and Flu are likely to be high and rising over the coming weeks, along with cases of scarlet fever. The guidance suggests that pupils should not be attending school if they have a temperature or are feeling unwell, so as to reduce the risk of transmission. Please bear this in mind if your child is unwell and keep them at home if they have a temperature.

### Tales From The Chalkface!

#### Lower School

Pupils in Lower School are beginning a new topic; 'Traditional Tales'. This is

always a popular topic and I am sure that the children will be reciting these stories to you in the coming weeks!

This week, the children have been recalling their Christmas news and Penguins class painted a picture of their favourite present;



The children have been learning about 'BIG' and 'small' in Maths and have also been placing items in ordinal order (1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>)



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## Middle School

Pupils in Middle School are embarking upon a new topic entitled 'Winter'. They have been thinking about clothes that might be appropriate to wear in the Winter;



Middle School Pupils have also been sharing their news from the Christmas break and have enjoyed writing about this!

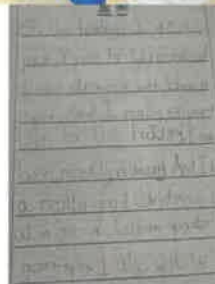


## Upper School

The new topic in Upper School this term is 'The Romans'. The pupils have been learning about the typical 'Roman breakfast' and trying it for themselves!



Children in Upper School shared their Christmas news with talking partners and then with a large group before writing about their experiences.



## Dates for the diary

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January;**  
Online Safety Training for parents @ 9.30am

It is great to see so many children re-engaged with school, friends and learning so quickly and I am sure that they will continue to flourish as the term progresses!

## Middleton News

I will leave you with a few images from our Christmas lunch – which seems a distant memory now – but was so much fun for all!

Best wishes for a healthy and happy 2023!

*Debbie Hartley*

