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# The Times Newsletter

*'Where many hearts make a school.'*

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## Christmas message from the Leadership Team

A final message from us here at school as we break-up for the Christmas holidays.

I hope that you, your family and loved ones have a peaceful and happy Christmas and that everyone stays safe and well during these difficult times.

Our first half term working with the team, here at school has certainly flown over and we are getting to know that staff and children much better. I am disappointed that we haven't been able to meet as many of you as I would have hoped to, and I sincerely hope that we can quickly rectify this in the New Year.

Whilst we haven't been able to meet you in person, I do want to assure you that lots of things are still happening within school to continue the school improvements started by Mrs Hodgson and her staff last year. The start of 2022 will undoubtedly bring changes for us all personally – hopefully for the better in relation to the pandemic – and you will also see the start of some tweaks to the organisation of things in school, such as morning arrival arrangements, reading, homework, playtime and after school activities etc. Please do your very best to support us with these changes as their prime purpose is to maximise the learning and enjoyment of school for all children. A reminder too that we want to get 100% back to proudly wearing our school uniform on our return to school, and I thank you in advance for supporting us with this.

Thank you too to the whole staff team who have worked so hard to try to ensure Christmas at school has been as enjoyable an occasion as we could possibly make it. The children have loved their parties and watching the virtual pantomime! We had a lovely Christmas lunch at school on Wednesday – thank you to Mrs Mattless and her team. Thank you so much too, to the Friends of Middleton School group for the lovely hampers of treats that they have supplied for every class, as well as paying for the panto licence! I can see that the group are so dedicated to the children here at school and I certainly look forward to working closely with them over the coming months.

With the warmest of Christmas wishes to you all from  
Alison Lazenby, Helen Ashton, Grace Churchill and the whole team at  
Middleton-in-Teesdale Nursery and Primary School.



**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY** - We celebrated 'Christmas Jumper Day' on Wednesday while enjoying our Christmas Dinner. The school raised a fantastic amount of **£106.80** for 'Save the Children'.



Save the Children  
**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

~~~~ A big thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause ~~~~

**CLASS PERFORMANCES** - All class performances have now been uploaded onto our school website for parents to view at home. In order to access the performance, all parents will receive an email by the end of Friday 17th December, containing a password which will enable them to view the performance.

**SWIMMING** - Swimming for Class 3 (Years 5 + 6) continue in the new year for 6 weeks, starting on Wednesday 10th January 2022. Class 2 (Years 3 + 4) will start their swimming lessons after the February Half Term holidays - letters will be sent out in due course.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS** - Phototronics will be visiting our school on Friday 14th January, to take individual photographs and sibling photographs. Unfortunately, due to the current Covid-19 regulations, we are unable to invite babies or older siblings into school as we have previously done in the past.



Class 1  
Christmas Party  
Musical Chorus



Our Fabulous  
Mary + Joseph



Mrs Churchill's  
dog, Bonnie, has  
been a hit in  
Class 3!



Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
From All the Staff at Middleton-in-Teesdale Primary School

