

17th December 2021

Montrose School

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New year

As we approach the end of 2021, we are still not back to normal and we are still living with COVID. It is always in our mind and continues to affect our plans on a daily basis. However, at Montrose we have worked tirelessly to give the children some normality this term. Whether that has been through quality teaching, structure, routine, pantomimes, trips, parties, productions or even just socialising in the playground with friends, we have managed to do it all. This has only happened because of the hard work, determination and teamwork of every single member of staff at Montrose. Thank you to all of our staff and thank you also for the support of our families.

It is now time for you all to have a well-earned rest; many thanks to you all. We hope you have a good holiday whatever you may be doing.

Happy New Year to you all!

Miss Jackson, Head teacher

St Andrews Church

Years 1 - 6 visited the church last week to learn why Christmas is an important time of year for our Christian families. Thank you to Reverend Rowena Bass for letting us visit and for speaking to the children.



Aladdin

Years 4 – 6 had a great time at the pantomime this week and were a credit to the school. Mr Pearce even got a special acting part on stage!

EYFS and Y1-2 Productions

Well done to all of the children who have starred in shows over the last two weeks. We are so pleased that these were able to take place this year and hope you enjoyed them!



Nursery

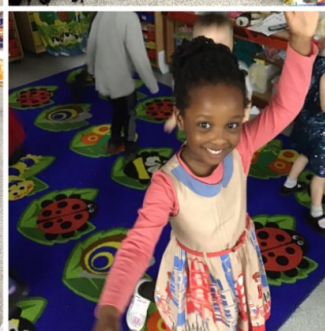
Well done to the nursery children for a great show. We all agreed they looked wonderful in their costumes!



Reception



Thank you so much to everyone who came to see our Christmas show! The children were fantastic and we are so proud of them!



Year 1

Some photos from our production this week. Thank you to all our families for your support this week. The children have been amazing.





Year 2

We have had a spectacular final few days. We've danced the cha cha slide in the Christmas party and the camel funk in 'Lights, Camel, Action', created calendars and Christmas cards, watched Christmas movies and read wintry stories.



Year 3

We booked out the Chromebooks and did some Christmas activities on Purple Mash and made some Christmas games. We also had an end of term party and played some games which was great fun.



Year 4

We made Christingles in our RE lesson, learnt to play two Christmas songs on the xylophones, completed Christmas tree tessellations, ate Christmas dinner and had our Year 4 Christmas party. The children will need a rest this weekend!



Year 5

We had a crafty day yesterday. We think our Christmas cards and calendars turned out amazing!



Year 6

Thank you so much for all of your kind donations, we've had so many contributions to the reverse advent calendar! The items have been delivered to the food bank to help families that need it over Christmas. We have also been sewing Christmas stockings this week and baking treats.





We made it in the Leicester Mercury today! You can pick up your copy this morning and find us on page 14. Well done to Montrose for putting on excellent Christmas productions this year!

End of Term Music

A huge thank you to Mrs Rupp, Mr Jones and the children who performed in our end of term music concert. We were wowed by the choirs, recorder group, string group and individual instrumentalists.



15 December 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for continuing to support your children's education, especially with all the worries of the Covid pandemic. This week we have seen new rules come into place to help us all deal with the Omicron variant.

The main ways to reducing the risk of Covid, including Omicron, are to wash hands frequently and to wear face coverings in crowded areas. Remember to socially distance if possible and to keep indoor areas well ventilated. This is especially important during the holiday period when families get together.

If you or your child feels unwell with any of the Covid symptoms, please get a PCR test. If the test is positive you will need to self-isolate for 10 days. If you or your child is a close contact of a positive case and you are fully vaccinated, you will need to take daily lateral flow tests for 7 days. Please remember to report all test results.

Vaccinations remain our best defence to protect ourselves and our families against Covid. If you have not yet had your vaccinations or your booster vaccination, please do book an appointment. This local NHS webpage gives options for booking your vaccination appointment in Leicester: leicesterccg.nhs.uk/my-health/coronavirus-advice/coronavirus-vaccine/

If your child is 12 years old or over and has not yet had their first vaccination, please use the link above to book a vaccination appointment for them. If you know your child had their first vaccination 12 weeks ago you are now able to book their second vaccination. Check the link above for the local centres that offer vaccinations for 12-15year olds. This term many children in secondary schools have had Covid and missed a significant part of the term. Vaccination will reduce the spread and support children's attendance at school.

During the Christmas holiday, the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme for children eligible for free school meals will be going ahead with limitations at some venues. Food should still be made available. Please check with your venue.

We hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable break over the Christmas period.

Please support your primary or secondary age child to do a lateral flow test before their return to school in the new year. This will help to reduce the risk of anyone coming back to school with Covid without realising it. Secondary pupils will also be offered onsite testing at their school at the beginning of term. Please do give permission for this testing.

Thank you for all the support you have given to the work to reduce the risk of COVID-19 in Leicester.

Yours sincerely

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