



# Warren Wood Primary School



Newsletter – December 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022

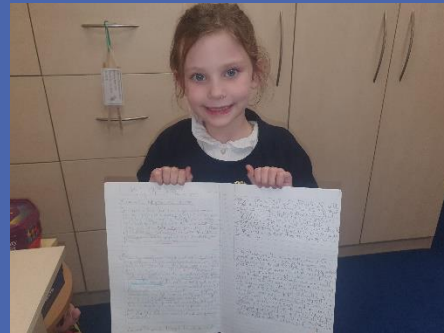
## This Week and Last Week ...

Y5 pupils went to a Stockport schools swimming gala. There were 18 schools from across the borough who attended. The children worked brilliantly as a team, supporting each other and mostly having fun. Whilst the competitive members of our team (and staff!) were disappointed not to win, the taking part in this event was most definitely the best part of all!

We have also enjoyed all the lovely things that Christmas in a school brings – parties and fun alongside finishing off our wonderful topics and learning.

## Coming up next week...

We all get to enjoy a well-earned break! With our final week of term going right to the wire on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, only giving us one day before the big day itself, it does give us a lovely long new year rest before we start back at school on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January. Please check the dates on the other side of this newsletter for details.



We have also redesigned key areas of our school website so please do take a look on there for all the information you need going forward next year. Lots of questions can be answered by checking out the relevant pages and will keep you informed about what is coming up in school.



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# A Message from the Headteacher

## So, here it is...Merry Christmas!

Dear Parents and Carers

Nothing has warmed my heart more than the way our school family has come back together over the past few weeks. I said to our infant parents at the nativities that we have been waiting for things to get 'back to normal' since the pandemic. However, 'normal' in school terms seems to be very different from how it was before the pandemic ever happened. The nativity concerts, the Christmas singing at St Mary's in the marketplace and St George's, visits from Santa, baking Christmas cakes with Y6 – These things are 'normal' and it feels really special to see them happening again.



There is a common misconception that at Christmas, learning takes a back seat in school. However, I have been delighted to see how much fun pupils have had in their learning, even as we have enjoyed the last weeks of term.

Whilst our Infant pupils have been spending lots of time performing, singing and dancing, in the juniors we have seen our subject skills and knowledge growing in a different way. In Year 3, pupils designed a Christmas card with moving parts using their Design Technology skills. In Y4, we had a visit from a Greek soldier who talked to pupils about the battles between Athens and Sparta. Pupils also learned to write with reed pens and on parchment paper as the Ancient Greeks would have and learned how to play Ancient Greek games. In Year 5, pupils have been writing diaries from the perspective of a slave - some truly powerful and heart wrenching words used to create emotive pieces of writing. Year 6 pupils have been recreating models of an Anderson shelter and collectively made 'Anderson Street'. The photograph of this is displayed at the top of the page.

On a personal note, I have just completed my tenth year as the Headteacher of Warren Wood. When I arrived in January 2013, I knew I was joining something special, but I had no idea just how special and magical this place was.

I am blessed to work with an amazing staff team who work hard to support each other. In turn, we are all so lucky to have your wonderful children as part of our Woodies Family.

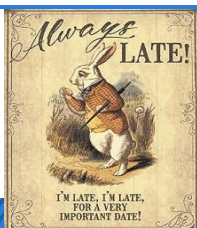
In the ten years I have been here, I have seen staff grow and blossom, retire or move on, new staff join and enhance our school enormously and of course, this year we have experienced loss that has tested our reserve but never our love for one another

We have had many new families and those known to us with siblings have also come through the school and we have got to know your families better. We have also had a rebuild and expanded our provision to include our Nursery. We have lots more ideas and plans going forward too. Things never stand still but it is all part of the excitement of working in a Primary school.

What an absolute privilege it is to be the headteacher of this beautiful school. Have a wonderful Christmas everyone. I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Much love

Mrs Reyes



### Upcoming Diary Dates

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHRISTMAS**  
**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – School opens for Spring Term**

**Further detailed information will be sent via School Ping/Tapestry nearer to the time of each event.**