



## This is our last newsletter of 2018 and we have some goodbyes to say....

Two teachers will be leaving us at the end of term – Mrs Gibbs has a new job with the Forge Academy group of schools and Mrs Martin will be starting her maternity leave. We wish Mrs Gibbs all the best at her new school and Mrs Martin lots of fun with her new baby!

## And some hellos too....

We would like to say a big Abbey Hill welcome to Miss Colbourne who will be joining us to teach the Y3/4 class and to Miss Dean who will be teaching the Reception/Y1 class until Mrs Martin comes back from maternity leave.

In December Mrs Sam Walters joined our well-being team to work with children at lunchtime. She will be running friendships groups and activities to help children with their social and emotional development. She has already got to know lots of children at lunchtime! The children will call her Sam (not to be confused with our family support worker, Sam!) Please give our new staff a warm welcome when you meet them in January!

There are still plenty of things happening in school before the Christmas break. Everyone is very welcome to join us for the children's performances.

## CHRISTMAS IN SCHOOL....

9am Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December Foundation Stage Christmas Coffee Morning

10am Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December Y1 and Y2 Christmas Performance

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Jumper Day – come to school in your best Christmas jumper for Christmas Dinner Day!

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December Nursery and Reception Pantomime – Cinderella

11am Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December Nursery Christmas Sing-a-Long (for morning and afternoon children together)

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December Y1 and Y2 Christmas Party

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December Foundation Stage and Y3 to Y6 Christmas Parties

10am Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December Y2 to Y6 Christmas Service at St Thomas's church on Kingsway.



## Early Years Places

Please let the school office know if your child is due to start Nursery or Pre-school next year. We are getting very full and places are limited. Your child can start Nursery the term after their third birthday but you can put their name down for a place at any time. It really helps us to plan how many staff we need in Nursery if we know how many children are coming each term. Your child can start Pre-school the term after their second birthday if you are receiving qualifying benefits. If you're not sure whether you are entitled to this or not, the staff in the office will be pleased to help you.

