



## Autumn Term Newsletter 15

21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

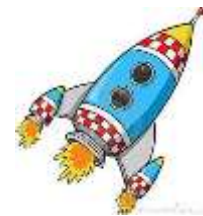
A fantastic, fabulous, final, festive week in school we have had this week.

### Performances

It was the turn of Key Stage 2 this week to WOW us with their singing, speaking and a Bader first – recorder playing! Two packed houses, with guests including Governors and Conyers staff enjoyed tremendously, the carol concert. Thank you to all who attended.

### Read for the Stars

Some children have been successful this week and have reached the 'sun.' Well done to: **Tabitha Cassey, Tyler Emerson, Leighton Harper, Daisy Robinson, Finlay Scott, Jaiden Mattu, Lauren Wilberforce and Millie Williams.** Well done to these children, keep up the good work!



Reading every day is part of our home school agreement and home learning. Please read with your child or encourage them to read aloud to you or to find a quiet place and lose themselves in a really good book. Christmas time would be a great time to share a story with your children.

School this week, purchased and delivered (express delivery from Santa), a book for every pupil in school, such is our commitment to reading.

### Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning

Last week, 8 classes had 96.2% attendance or better, with Miss Logan's class having the best attendance in school on 98.9%.

We do have 85 children though, in school, who have 100% attendance since September. This is a fantastic achievement and they will be rewarded in January.

### Twitter /School website



Remember; please follow us on twitter for postings of the latest news and events going on in school. Also, check out our school website: <http://www.bader.org.uk/> Here, you will find lots of useful information including the latest class and school newsletters.

### Special Educational Needs Lead

From January, Mrs Douthwaite – Early Years Lead and Assistant Head, will also take on the role of school's Special Educational Needs Lead. All matters to do with SEN, Mrs Douthwaite will have responsibility for. However, any initial concerns about your child should be directed to your child's class teacher in the first instance. We would like to thank Miss Weir for her efforts over a long period of time with this.

### **Halfords**

We recently ran a competition in school where the children had to design a new way of transporting Santa's sleigh (as his reindeer had gone on strike!).

Those of you who were at the Key Stage 2 afternoon performance will have seen **Kaya Harding** in Year 4 being presented with a fabulous new bike for being the overall winner of the competition. Two runner up prizes of scooters were presented in assembly today to **Samuel O'Connell (Year 1) and Evie Simpson (Year 2)**.

A really big thank you to Marty at Stockton Halfords for his help and with these donations as prizes.

### **Christmas Parties**

Thank you for your support with these in terms of supplying food and party clothes. There was even a visit from the man himself (in the red suit) delivering every child with a book provided by school and putting smiles on faces (including the staff!).

### **Douglas Bader**

When we return in January, we will be learning about the man who our school is named after – Douglas Bader. This block of learning will take place over 2 weeks – watch this space for your invitation into school to see the learning for yourselves. Our school motto '**Aiming High**' was born from Douglas Bader and is one of our very important school values.

### **Thornaby Pride**

Hopefully, you will have received your copy of 'Thornaby Pride' by now. Please look out for Bader's three page features with music in school and our recent Remembrance commemoration.

### **Thornaby Foodbank**

From January, we will be housing a box for donations to the foodbank, in school. Any donations (tins, non perishable goods) will be gratefully received and we hope to make this a permanent feature in order to support one of our local charitable causes.

### **A Special Mention**

At this time of year, when thoughts often turn to helping others, a special mention to **Logan Daniels** in Reception, who sold some of his unwanted toys for small donations then donated the amount, £8.10 to school! What a wonderful gesture and deserving of a Head Teacher's award.

### **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

This has been a particularly busy yet exciting term and I would just like to thank you all for your support over that time. Our doors are always open and we are always looking for ways of helping to improve the education of your children.

I would just like to wish everyone of our families a fabulous Christmas and a prosperous 2019!

**SCHOOL HAS NOW CLOSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS BREAK AND WE RETURN ON MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY.**

Mr Hodgson