

HIGH LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers, Staff and Governors,

Thank you!

As the Autumn term draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing team of staff, governors and volunteers. This term has perhaps been the most difficult yet for staff in school, as the unpredictability of the Covid situation and staff absences together with the whole team's determination to give our children as normal a school experience as possible has been a very tricky balance to manage. I cannot thank the team enough for their continuing dedication and resilience. Despite the pandemic, this term we have managed to enjoy school outings, visitors to school, activity days, carol concerts, nativities and shows and a wide range of other Christmas events alongside all the usual learning that goes on during the Autumn Term.

Thank you to you too, our parent community for continuing to show patience and understanding, even when we have needed to use restrictions that have sometimes brought disappointment.

I really do feel that our High Lane team is amazing and I am so proud to lead it. Well done everyone!

PTFA

Our PTFA volunteers have done a phenomenal job once again this term, organising a full programme of Christmas events and raising much needed funds for the school. They have bought and decorated indoor and outdoor Christmas trees, pulled off an amazing Christmas Fair, provided Santa gifts and chocolate lollies for the children and set up a wonderful outdoor Christmas Trail. A huge amount of time and effort has gone into planning and delivering these events safely and it has really helped us to make Christmas time so special for the children. Thank you to our small but dedicated PTFA team. It would be lovely to see more parents and friends offer their time over the coming year, so please consider what you may be able to do to help and speak to a member of the PTFA committee to offer your support.

Inn-Spectors

Our Year 1, 2 and 3 pupils excelled themselves this year, with their performance of Inn-Spectors. Dancing, singing, acting - the children were all wonderful and the show was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Carol Concert

Our upper school Carol Concert at St Thomas' Church last Tuesday was lovely, even though parents and friends were unable to attend. Traditional carols, Spanish songs, instrumental and choral performances, Christmas poetry and readings were the order of the day and the children did themselves proud. Thank you to all at St Thomas' for making us so welcome.

EYFS Nativity sing-song

This morning saw our final performance of 2021, with Reception and Nursery children putting on their Nativity. It was a joy to watch them on the stage and their confidence and excitement ensured we were all drawn in to the Christmas Spirit.

Trips, visits and visitors

It has been lovely to invite visitors back into school to share their knowledge and expertise with the children. Last month, all children took part in a 'Circusology' workshop. Children were able to come together to try out and practise lots of circus skills. A great day of fun and activity was enjoyed by all.

Earlier this month, Year 5 welcomed Mr Tony North into their classroom for an Anglo Saxon day to support their History topic. They learnt all about how people lived in Anglo-Saxon times and made some wonderful, realistic artefacts.

It is clear that Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed their 'Forest School' experiences this term and their feedback clearly shows how much they have learnt about self-confidence, resilience, keeping themselves safe and respecting their environment. The Year 4 pupil voice feedback form can be accessed by following [this link](#).

In early December, the upper school were able to visit the Baptist Church in Hazel Grove to enjoy a journey through the Christmas Story. This has always been a firm favourite at High Lane and it was lovely to get the opportunity to join in. Thank you to everyone at the church for putting on such a beautiful event for us.

Alongside the Year 4 visit to Chester and the Year 6 visit to crucial Crew, it really has been an eventful term!

Parent Consultation Report

We are always keen to listen to ideas to develop the partnership between parents and carers and the school. In response to parent feedback, this term, we have introduced an end of term parent consultation follow-up summary report for parents. These will be sent home with your child today. The report is a brief overview of your child's progress this term and their main targets moving forward. If you wish to discuss anything in the report, please make an appointment once the new term begins.

Spring Term 2022

Currently, we expect that school will begin as planned on Thursday 6th January and I very much hope to be welcoming everyone back as usual. However, as we are all aware, Government guidelines may change and this may have an impact on aspects of how we will be working in January. Please keep a very close eye on your Parentmail and ClassDojo notifications in the run up to the new term as this is how I will share any updates.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and all the very best for a happy, safe and successful 2022.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher