

BIDSTON AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, Christmas is nearly upon us! Nursery, Reception and Year One children did us proud with their wonderful performances in their **nativities**. Today, we held our **15th annual carol service at St James Church** - the first was in 2007. There was a mix of readings and congregational singing and, hopefully, it has set us all up for the Christmas break. We had just under 600 people in the church, so thank you for your support. We have raised just under £300 for Wirral Hospice St, John's.

We say **goodbye to Mrs Lewis** today as she starts her new role in the New Year. We thank her for 20 years of service and, in particular, her support with HSP fundraising and on our first China trip back in 2019. Good luck for the future!

I need to remind parents of **nursery-aged children** that the closing date for **applications to reception** (main school) is 15th January 2024. We have had 77 applications already, so parents need to be quick as a late application will not receive a place at our school. ****NB.** Places are not automatic from nursery to reception, so all parents/carers must apply for a reception place. **We also have limited places for our nursery** (Sept 2024 intake), so be quick contacting us for that too.

Finally, we know that at this time of year there is so much pressure to create the perfect, magical Christmas. You will want to provide them with the magic of Father Christmas and ensure that he brings the best gifts...and that sometimes means more stress for you, but we have a secret to tell. When your children come back to school in January, they talk about the Christmas holidays. They tell us about the days when everyone just stayed in and snuggled on the couch and watched Christmas TV. They tell us about staying at their Grandparents and being excited when you come home from work. They tell us about the walk in the freezing cold to get a Maccies from Junction One! They tell us about cuddling-up in bed and playing cards at the table or staying up until midnight on New Year's Eve and spending a whole day in their pyjamas. Of course, they mention their gifts, but for them **Christmas is you and your love and feeling safe and snuggly!**

Have a brilliant Christmas and we'll see you on **Monday 8th January 2024.**

Yours sincerely,

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