# **WEEK ENDING 20TH DECEMBER**

### This week in school

This week has been packed with Christmas excitement! On Monday, children in Acorns enjoyed a specially planned music session by 'Mix it up' music as part of their Christmas party. The whole school was visited by Father Christmas who delivered some gifts for the children. Nursery enjoyed their Christmas party and Reception have been creating calendars and cards for their families. Year 1 and 2 have been as busy as elves making Christmas crafts! Year 3,4 and 5 have been practicing the songs for the Christingle which was a brilliant celebration at All Saints' Church yesterday. Year 6 have been making props, rehearsing and putting on a Christingle to remember - we are very proud of them all!

Key stage 1 and Early Years Nativities reminded us what Christmas is all about and we are always blown away by how well our children perform.

Today, the children have celebrated the end of term with the pantomime and parties in their classrooms. I'm not sure we could possible fit more into a week!

## Reverse Advent Calendar

The reverse advent calendar has been a huge success again this year and your generous donations were collected yesterday by Billingham Food Bank. The collectors said it was the biggest school donation this year so thank you very much - this will make a difference to many people over the festive period.

## <u>Attendance</u>

A reminder that if your child is not going to be able to attend school you must ring into school between 8am and 9.15am so that staff can complete registers, please do not send attendance messages through seesaw or via email. If you have left an answerphone message someone will get back to you.

#### Goodbye and best wishes to Mr Pearce

We wish Mr. Pearce all the very best as he starts a new chapter in his teaching career after the holidays. We know he will be dearly missed at Preston and the staff and children at his next school are very lucky indeed!

#### Welcome to Mrs Dalzell

We welcome Mrs Dalzell who will take over teaching our Year 4 class from January. The children have already met her and I'm sure they will give her a lovely Preston welcome.

From us all at Preston we wish you a safe and happy festive break.

Mr Sanderson

# **Upcoming Events**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January PD Day - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January Children return to school

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January Year 6 visit to The Oriental Museum



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