



Clarendon School  
Primary Centre

## Primary News



w/e 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022



It has been a busy term and there have been many achievements across all areas of school life. Pupils all settled well into their new classes, embracing the new challenges that come with this.

Pupils have enjoyed many activities around our half term topic and Christmas. At Clarendon Primary Centre, where the daily structure and routine is so important for our pupils' learning, we carefully introduce and start to celebrate Christmas at the beginning of December. It is important to prepare pupils for this time of year, understanding the Christian meaning of Christmas, whilst ensuring that the learning environment is not too overwhelming for learning.



Thank you to our wider community partners who worked with us to schedule in educational visits this term. The team at **St Michael's Church** put on an additional 'Christmas Journey' specially for Galaxy class. Everyone engaged throughout the journey, and St Michael's team

followed up by saying how wonderful our pupils were and they are keen to learn Makaton signs for future opportunities.



Key Stage 2 pupils enjoyed the recent **Sensory Christmas Workshop at Holly Lodge**, which included making a sensory wreath, Christmas tree decorations and Christmas ginger bread

biscuits.



This week pupils have enjoyed the sprinkling of snow and visit from Father Christmas. We hope you enjoy

reading their present with them.







Pupils had fun learning about Christmas Jumper Day last Friday. Thank you for your donations; we raised £54.



### Life Skills

At Clarendon, Life Skills form part of the core curriculum. In the build up to Christmas, each pupil has selected and wrapped a present for someone special at home. OT run a programme of functional self-care groups and it would be great if you could reinforce and encourage your children to dress themselves independently, doing up their buttons and zips. Please only send your child into school with lace up shoes if they can tie their own laces. If you need any support with this, please call the office to arrange for our OT Therapist to call you at a convenient time.



### Clarendon Primary Centre Carol Concert

All pupils shone out during our Christmas assembly. We hope you enjoy sharing the highlights with your children, who should be very proud of what they have accomplished.



### Spaces available in our Family Group

**Clarendon Family Group** meets every Thursday morning to talk, play, listen, have fun and work on change

#### What is Family Group?

- A weekly support group made up of 5-8 families and run by a therapist in school time
- Families help families, sharing ideas, sorting problems and learning from each other
- The sessions use targets and games as a vehicle for change



#### Children who come to Family Group:

- ✓ Have more confidence
- ✓ Find friendships easier
- ✓ Have fewer difficulties at school
- ✓ Are happier at home

“Family Group really helps! Since joining, my son has become more confident, our relationship has improved and he is happier in school.”

Please call or ask at the office if you would like further details.



We wish you and your family a happy and healthy Christmas. We look forward to seeing your children back at Clarendon Primary on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023.