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Dear Parent & Carers

We have had another very busy and wonderful end to the Autumn term. The pupils have taken part in some truly magical and memorable celebrations including; the Christmas celebration assemblies and the carol service at the Science Park. It was wonderful to see the pupil's pride and enjoyment when they were performing, well done everyone.

This term has seen over 175 educational visits taking place that support our school's cultural capital offer and our pupil's holistic development and preparation for adulthood. Other than our usual Forest School, swimming and soft play these visits have included;

- ❖ A relaxed Panto at the Marlowe Theatre to see 'Beauty and the Beast'
- ❖ Shopping at Morrisons to purchase ingredients to use in cooking lessons
- ❖ Walking to the local library
- ❖ Walking to the local park
- ❖ Visiting Oare Marshes nature reserve
- ❖ Getting the bus to Notcutts Garden centre in Maidstone
- ❖ Visiting Sittingbourne town centre
- ❖ A visit to the Criterion Theatre/Museum Sheerness where the children participated in art activities, music making and dancing
- ❖ A visit to Leeds Castle looking at the celebration of Christmas

As part of our collaborative approach to building on our relationships with parents/carers we held a whole school workshop as part of our Parent Engagement Schedule, whereby we had information stations held by:

- Each Pathway – EYFS, Engage, Explore, Enquire & 6th Form – Assistant Principals
- The curriculum for each Pathway – Leaflets and Assistant Principals
- Interventions including Phonics, Mathematics – Intervention Leads
- Forest School – Simon Jones
- Accreditation and EfL – Charissa Baldock
- Preparation for Adulthood – Lisa Alexander
- Person Centred Reviews – Faye Raffety and Shelley Bull
- Weduc communication between home/School – Ginny Cosstick
- Safeguarding – Liz Hymus
- The Wellbeing team – Katie Jacob
- Medication – Di Simms
- Health Care Plans – Ella Keen
- Meadowfield Therapies – Nicola Jaqonelli
- The Therapy team (outside school team)
- Nursing Team
- FOMS – Ian Harman

Great attendance provided many of our parents / carers with an insight into every aspect of Meadowfield School. Thank you to those staff who presented and all parents and carers who attended.

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Christmas dinner was a busy yet beautiful event and enjoyed by all. Thank you to the kitchen staff for all their hard work.

Between the 17th December and 19th December, the Christmas Winter Wonderland and Market was held in the Sensory Garden providing joy, fun and sensory experiences for our pupils and families with a special visit from the Reindeers. Thank you to the parents/carers who helped to set up the Winter Wonderland, The Friends of Meadowfield charity and all staff who organised this event to bring a special meaning to Christmas. A special thank you to Santa who visited the Winter Wonderland on Wednesday and thank you to all parents who visited and made a donation to FOMS.

As we have in past years, we applied to the Blue Water Giving Tree via our charity contact Red Eagle Foundation for Christmas presents for each pupil. I am delighted to confirm that our application has been successful but due to the huge logistical pressures on everyone involved with the Giving Tree we will not know how many gifts we have been allocated until they arrive on the afternoon of Friday 20th December. As this is too late for Christmas, we will choose another meaningful date to provide our pupils with a gift.

As we approach the depths of winter, I have attached the information relating to an emergency school closure and how we will rely this information to parents/carers and transport providers. Please ensure that you sign up to Kent School Closures and are connected to our parent platform, Weduc, thank you.

Thank you all for your continued support this term and in being a fundamental and valued part of our school community. Thank you all for your kind words, cards and gifts shared across school, they mean a lot to us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff at Meadowfield school for their hard work and commitment in ensuring that our pupils are safe, happy, enjoying school and making progress whilst enjoying a festive end to the term.

This leaves me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy healthy 2025. We look forward to seeing pupils back at school on Tuesday 7th January following a Staff Development Day on Monday 6th January 2025.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

Angela Howe
Principal

Attachment