



## Happy Christmas

What an extraordinary Autumn Term. We started back to school in September rather nervously, unsure what the term would bring. We are proud of our wonderful teaching staff who have managed to make school feel relaxed and as near to normal as they can. New children have joined and settled in well and there has been joy and laughter in large doses.

We have tried hard to help parents feel part of the Annan community and this has involved weekly class and school newsletters including lots of photos.

We recorded our Advent Lantern Festival and Nativity which will give children a lasting record of such special events.

As we get ready for Christmas, we have enjoyed a Christmas lunch, parties and have made presents and cards. We have even taken part in the Uckfield Virtual Christmas Tree Festival and again our tree was filmed which makes a special memento of this lovely time of year.

As I write, the Willow Class are singing and playing along to Christmas songs with music Mark in the hall. Such lovely sounds are floating out across the playground. At times like these we feel blessed to be at Annan.

We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.



## Advent Lantern Festival

We hope you enjoyed watching the beautiful lantern festival last week. It was a very special event, and we are pleased that we have a beautiful video to remember it by.





When we are being creative we give body to thought: we render visible the invisible.

Friedrich Froebel



## Christmas Dinner fun!

On Tuesday John and Carrie cooked everyone a lovely Christmas lunch.

We shared Christmas Crackers and sang along to our favourite Christmas songs!



## Filming the Nativity

We felt very professional this week when Ben who is a filmmaker by profession came in to film the Nativity. We are looking forward to the finished video – it will be a real Christmas treat for everyone to watch!



## New Staff

We are pleased to let you know that we have appointed three new members of staff who will be starting in January. Celine will be starting in Sycamore Class to replace Chantelle who as you know is leaving to have a baby. We wish lots of luck to Chantelle and her husband Phil as they embark on this exciting journey. Michelle will be joining the Willow class team as an additional learning support assistant. We are also appointing a new nursery assistant to work in kindergarten as numbers are increasing after Christmas.



### Menu for first week back:

**Don't forget there will be 4 days of school lunches!**

- Monday: Pasta with cheese + veg
- Tuesday: Enchiladas with salad
- Wednesday: Jacket potatoes + fillings + veg
- Thursday: Soup and Bread

### Dates for your diary:

- First day of Spring Term: Tuesday 5th January
- Friends AGM: Thursday 14th January 9.15am
- Spring Half Term: 15th to 19th February
- Last day of Spring Term: Thursday 25th March
- First day of Summer Term: Tuesday 20th April
- Last day of Summer Term: Thursday 8th July