



# Lydgate Junior School

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Dear parents and carers

## Ranmoor Carol Concert

We had a delightful Christmas Carol concert at St John's church last night. All the children performed amazingly, the readers read with confidence and the Nativity tableau looked beautiful and our Angels were so patient calmly standing throughout the concert. A huge Thank you to Mrs Jones for managing the event and thinking of everything when organising and for her commitment to teaching the orchestra, swing band and the hand bells. We have two choirs this year, a Y5/6 choir and a Y3/4 choir. Thank you to Mrs Hopkins, Mrs Coles and Miss Nicholson for their singing experience and enthusiasm. The children in our school are so lucky to have so many amazing musicians in school. Thank you to Mrs Smith for supporting all the music for Ranmoor. The artwork was stunning, thank you to Mrs Purdom and her artists.

Thank you to all our staff for helping out last night and to everyone that came to support us.

Some parents have asked if they can send money into school to add to the donations last night. **Please send money into the office.** The donations are going to be split between supporting music in school and The Trussell Trust whose mission is to stop UK hunger and poverty.

## Staffing update

Nicki Frost who has been a regular supply and covered Maternity leave at Lydgate Junior School is starting a new job at High Storrs, she will be working in the Learning Support resource. We have really appreciated Mrs Frost's time working with us. We wish Mrs Frost every success on her next adventure.

Mandy Allen our Pastoral Lead has been offered a really exciting new job as the Head of Pastoral Care at Notre Dame. Mandy Allen will be starting this new job after Christmas. We wish her every success on her new adventure. Mandy Allen has supported the development of Pastoral care and the Hub at Lydgate Junior school. We are grateful for all her care and commitment to the community.

We have two new Teaching Assistants joining the TA team welcome to Mrs Estelle Middleton and Mrs Shree Sajin.



## **Christmas at Lydgate Junior**

**Tuesday 19th - Aladdin performances for Y5s**

**Thursday 21st - Community sing after school at the top gate. Bring some cash for the buckets and FOLA will be selling treats**

**Friday 22nd - All the children will sing together in the morning**

Next week children can also wear the following:

- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Sparkle in Christmas jewellery**
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Dazzle in festive headgear**
- **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Something that jingles**
- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Knock 'em dead, wear green & red**
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Non-uniform day, wear all your Christmas gear (including Christmas jumpers if you like)**

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful festive time, we hope you all enjoy spending time with your families over Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support

**Kind regards**

**Mrs Rachel Hurding  
Headteacher**