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RUSKIN
JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Blue Kite
Academy Trust

Dates for Term 3:

Thursday 4th January

Xmas production (6:00)

Wednesday 10th January

James Cook Class community lunch

Friday 19th January

Year 5 visit to Ashmolean

Thursday 25th January

Year 5 visit to Ashmolean

Friday 26th January

Beatrix Potter Class Assembly

Monday 29th January (week beginning)

Internet Safety Fortnight

Friday 2nd February

Dame Jane Goodall Class Assembly

Thursday 7th February

Mary Kingsley Class Community Lunch

Parents' Internet Safety afternoon

Friday 9th February

Chinese New Year themed Lunch

Last day of term: finish at 3:10

Monday 19th February

TD Day

Tuesday 20th February

Children return to school

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to another term at Ruskin Junior School and Happy New Year to one and all! It's been great to see the children returning to school fresh-faced and ready to learn: we're all looking forward to what we're sure will be a fantastic year. This term our value will be responsibility and we will be encouraging the children to take responsibility for their actions, their environment and looking at how we can all play our part in taking care of the world in which we live. A profound message and a great one to start the year off.

Best wishes,

Mr Beadnell

"Let our New Year's resolution be this: we will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word."

Goran Persson

This Term's Value:

Responsibility



Friends at Christmas



Despite Christmas already feeling like it was a lifetime ago – although admittedly I still have some turkey curries left in the freezer to polish off – we still need to celebrate some of the festive-season-related activities that took place last term: not least the Christmas Morning set up by the Friends of Ruskin. All of our children received a chocolaty gift delivered early by Santa and enjoyed a wonderful morning playing games, talking to elves and generally absorbing the delightfully festive atmosphere around the school. We'd all like to extend a massive thanks to the Friends

for organising the event and also for arranging last term's discos.

A Christmas Carol

Another huge triumph was last term's Christmas production, Charles Dickens' Christmas Carol. The children put on a delightful performance that was perhaps one of the easiest to understand versions of the story I've ever seen. Unfortunately, one of the evening performances was postponed due to inclement weather but another performance was rearranged for the new year. A huge well done to all who have participated and also to Mr Burgess and Mrs Musty-Jackson and a host of other staff members for their dedication and talent in putting the play together.

Wonder

To support their learning from the book Wonder by R. J. Palacio, year 6 took a trip to the cinema to see the newly released and critically acclaimed film of the book. The whole school was then treated to a performance of the novel by Sir Isaac Newton Class during an assembly. The performance was excellent. The children delivered the book's message beautifully and it was the perfect message to share with the whole school just before Christmas.



It's Behind You!

Perhaps one of the most surreal experiences of the festive period was the staff panto. This has become a tradition over the past couple of years and never ceases to throw up some surprises. This year's production was Cinderella featuring Miss Wakefield and featured some stellar performances from all members of the teaching staff. Naturally, the children thought it was hilarious watching their teachers wearing ridiculous costumes and embarrassing themselves in front of the whole school. I'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank-you and well done to all involved for being such great sports. Expect a new script next year. Any suggestions?



Welcome Aboard!

We are delighted to announce the appointment of two new governors to the school's local governing body: Rachael Oldridge and Matthew Cook. We are looking forward to working alongside them and are sure they will bring a great deal of expertise and enthusiasm to the governing body at this exciting time in the school's development.

Reminder

Please note that there will be a TD day on Monday 19th February.