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Dear Parent/Carer,

Another chapter ends, another one begins. Happy New Year everyone! We're back at school and looking ahead to a very busy and exciting year. The children have arrived fresh-faced and have settled back into the rhythm of school life brilliantly. Compared to the last couple of newsletters, this one feels decidedly light but that is always the case in January, what with the Christmas break and all that. There have still been a few things we'd like to share so read on and welcome back!

All the best,

Mr Beadnell



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Dates for Term 3:

Thursday 15th January

Year 3 and 4 writing champions
visiting Brookfield School

Wednesday 23rd January

Year 5 community lunch

Friday 25th January

JK Rowling Class Assembly

Thursday 31st January

Young Carers' Awareness Day

Monday 4th February

Year 5 visit to the Big Pit

Start of Internet Safety Week

Tuesday 5th February

School Council visit to Parliament

Chinese New Year themed lunch

Dance Troupe visit to Wyvern

Friday 8th February

Mary Anning Class Assembly

Friday 15th February

Girls football 5 a side tournament

Last day of term 3 (finish at 3:10)

Monday 25th February

Return to school for start of term 4

Value for Term 3



Christmas Past and Present

It always feels a bit odd talking about Christmas in January. I don't know about you but as soon as it's finished it seems like ages ago. Anyway, it's important that we get the opportunity to celebrate a couple of festive moments we haven't yet mentioned. Firstly we'd like to say a massive thank you to our year 5 children for their wonderful Victorian Christmas event. Parents were invited in for the afternoon where the children performed traditional Christmas songs, looked at the Victorian style decorations the children had made and ate mince pies by candle light! What a fantastically festive afternoon – thanks to the adults in year 5 who helped make this such a special event.



Pizza making

Last month saw our budding young chefs in year 3 making pizzas in design and technology as part of their 'Farm to Fork' Big Idea. They created their own recipes, made the dough themselves and learnt about where each of the ingredients came from and the journey they had been on. The results, I must say, were superb, as you can see for yourself from the pictures below. The smell of them cooking was also wonderful although it did make waiting for lunchtime extremely difficult! Well done to all of our year 3s and the staff who assisted them in making this such a successful sequence of lessons.



Church Visits

Years 3 and 4 visited Upper Stratton Baptist Church and St Philips Church respectively during December as part of the RE curriculum. There they found out more about the Christmas message and what Christmas means to Christians. As ever, the children were wonderful ambassadors for the school and returned with a better understanding of the reasons as to why December is such a special time of the year.

Snail Tales

You may remember from our November newsletter the sad news that one of African Land Snails, Dale, was sadly missing and we made the assumption that he had buried himself before passing away. The incredible news is that he's back! He's fit and healthy although does seem to like spending lots of time underground. Naturally we are all elated at this wonderful news and I look forward to updating you with Gayle and Lazarus's (we've renamed him) progress over the coming weeks. An extra special thank you to our parent volunteers for taking care of the GALS over the holidays, thanks too for the observations about their preferred diet – we now know they are big fans of sprouts!

