



Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As a long and challenging term draws to its conclusion, I would like to offer my congratulations and gratitude to all of our pupils, who have consistently shown a desire to succeed and thrive, despite the difficult circumstances they are facing. Our children have continued to make fantastic academic progress and to approach school life with a positive attitude and a smile, whilst simultaneously coming to terms with the new language of Covid, test and trace and 'bubble' closures. We are all impressed with the resilience they have shown and all of their teachers are very proud of them.

From all at Istead Rise Primary School, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and hope that every family in our community is able to have some rest and enjoy time at home together, even though it is very likely, that this year, many of you will have to sacrifice some of the family contact that you would normally be looking forward to.

As explained in our separate letter home, we ask that should your child test positive for Covid after today, and up to December 23rd, that you let us know by contacting us at irpoffice@swale.at as we will need to advise others if they have had close contact with the infected person and if they need to self-isolate.

We look forward to welcoming the children back in the New Year and send you the very best of wishes this Christmas.

Steve Payne
Head of School

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you to our Parents & Carers for all your cards, gifts and good wishes to our staff. We very much appreciate your thoughtfulness and support at Christmas and throughout this particularly difficult year.



St Barnabas Church Nativity Service

You will be able to watch a special Nativity Service this Sunday the 20th at 10am via the link below on Youtube. Some of our children have produced artwork which will be included in the service



[Nativity Service](#)

Artist of the week!

Willow's artist of the week is Jake. Jake earned his certificate for his inventiveness and originality in his space art.





Core Values Congratulations to all our winners!



Week Ending 11.12

Acorns Class - Nyla & Constance for Independence

Oak Class - Nihaal & Martin for Independence

Palm Class - Theo for Respect & Kasey for Perseverance

Cherry Class - Kian for Perseverance & Tyler-James for Independence

Birch Class - Brandon for Independence & Lilly for Perseverance

Willow Class - Jana for Respect & Harvey for Self Reflection

Elm Class - Oliver L & Hannah for Independence

Aspen Class - Mbiku for Respect & Autumn for Perseverance



Week Ending 17.12

Acorns Class - Dolly & Keira for Perseverance

Oak Class - Abril & Emilia for Respect

Palm Class - Millie H for Respect & Charlie for Self Reflection

Cherry Class - Malakhai for Perseverance & Ellenor for Respect

Birch Class - John M for Perseverance & Emily for Respect

Willow Class - Kira-Leigh, Thyme & Violet for Respect



Christmas Fun at Istead Rise!



Christmas was definitely not cancelled in school this year! The children have had a lovely couple of days celebrating. They came into school yesterday looking very festive, raised lots of money for Save the Children and had a lovely Christmas lunch prepared by our fantastic kitchen team. Our wonderful FIRPS ladies, as well making sure the children still had a Pantomime experience this year, organised the most amazing Christmas boxes for every class. The staff and children were totally overwhelmed by the thought that went into them. There were decorations, games and a Christmas CD to create a wonderful Christmassy atmosphere in class. If that wasn't enough the children had sweets, a Christmas decoration and reindeer food to take home. Thank you so much FIRPS from all of us at Istead Rise, we hope you all have a well earned break with your families and loved ones.

