



6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

# Newsletter

## Christmas Celebrations at Church



Thank you to all the families who were able to join us for the Christmas celebration at Friezland church this morning. We were entertained by Class 1 and 2 children previewing a few songs from their upcoming show. Class 3 treated us to Christmas poetry and a French carol and Year 4 brought the laughs with their Christmas jokes and a performance poem. Our school choir performed the song they have recently recorded which will be combined with all the DLP school choirs to make a video, and some of our older keyboard and guitar players performed Christmas classics. We hope you enjoyed the children's performances and are as proud of them as we are.

## Latics Players Visit

You may be aware, we work in partnership with Oldham Athletic Community Trust to provide our pupils with high quality PE lessons and after school sports clubs. One of the benefits is the opportunity for pupils to meet professional players for Q & A sessions. This week, we welcomed into school Reagan Ogle and Jake Caprice who also found time to play some games with the children from class 3 and 4. Keep an eye on their social media for a few pictures from the event.

## Pantomime Trip!



What a magical morning we had at the pantomime on Monday! It has been a long time since the whole school went to the pantomime together – 2016 in fact – and it was worth the wait! Sleeping Beauty at Middleton Arena had all the pantomime ingredients – and more: singing; dancing; jokes; ghosts; a baddie to 'boo' at; magic tricks; acrobats; sweets and water guns strayed into the audience; and a sing-along to finish. We were all so proud of how well-behaved the children were... and it was a pleasure to see how much they enjoyed the show! Thank you for supporting the trip by paying for the children's tickets. We intend to reinstate a whole-school panto trip every few years so the children have the experience in Key Stage 1 and in Key Stage 2.

## Reminders

- If you are buying new uniform from [MyClothing](#), please use the code **UNIFORM10** for a 10% discount until 25<sup>th</sup> December.
- Christmas buffet lunch Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December: if your child usually has a packed lunch on Wednesdays but would like Christmas lunch please pay on School Spider TODAY!

## Friezland of Friezland

Over the last 18 months, Dani Jones has volunteered her time to Chair our Friends of Friezland Fundraising group. During that time, she has led the organisation of a huge number of fundraising activities and events, including: the 2023 Santa Dash, the Summer Friday Fair, Halloween Discos and Easter Bingos ... to name but a few. Dani's enthusiasm and motivation has really re-invigorated Friends of Friezland and, as she steps down from the role of Chair, we are incredibly grateful for all the time and effort she has volunteered, to get us into such a strong and positive position. The Friends of Friezland events, and the money they raise, provide lots of resources and experiences to enrich our pupils' time at Friezland and we are hugely grateful for everyone's contributions. As Dani steps down, Friezland staff would like to thank her, and we hope that families will continue to support and enjoy all the events and activities that will continue with our next Chair, Alison Swaby, at the helm.



We have recently paid for the following resources for children using funds raised by Friends of Friezland:

- Coaches to Middleton Arena for the Pantomime
- 10 new ipad cases and screen protectors to replace damaged ones on children's ipads
- 30 sets of ipad headphones for Computing lessons
- 30 new clipboards for outdoor learning to replace old, damaged ones
- A book for every pupil as a Christmas gift

## Dates for the Diary

### December

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Whole School Panto Trip – Middleton Arena
- 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Celebration at Friezland Church 9.30 – 10.30am
- 12<sup>th</sup> Class 1 & 2 Christmas Performances 2pm/6pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Big Christmas Raffle draw
- 16<sup>th</sup> Week of Friezland Christmas Spelling Bee (KS2)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas buffet lunch
- 19<sup>th</sup> LAST DAY OF TERM – Tuckshop 3.15 in the shelter



### January

- 6<sup>th</sup> School re-opens