

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

I just wanted to write to our whole school family to wish you all a lovely Christmas.

My first Christmas at Marton Manor has been very special. It is always a challenge becoming part of a new team but I have been made to feel incredibly welcome by the entire school community.

My highlights this autumn term are many and varied. The term started with an incredible residential experience with the Year 5 & 6 children. It was an absolute honour to accompany the children to Robinwood and together we all conquered fears and made lasting memories.



I have loved watching OPAL begin to develop this term. The launch of our cosy caravan and the introduction of tyres and outdoor music has been great fun. I have also seen a new side to so many children who love exploring the outdoors...digging out beds, draining and cleaning the pond, building dens and climbing trees. I apologise for the increasingly muddy uniforms...my Nanna always used the old adage 'a dirty child is a happy child' and I know we have lots of happy children at Marton Manor!



Over recent weeks we have also introduced a greater variety of indoor lunchtime clubs. Staff have been amazing at giving up their own lunchtimes to enrich our children's experiences. We've got very popular colouring, Lego and movie clubs happening every day.

This half term we have made some lovely memories together. Early Years, our Hive and our Support Base children had visits from some stunning owls. Every child could hold and stroke the owls and had lots of opportunities to learn more about these amazing animals. We have also had Lynn's beautiful dog, Stanley, in as a frequent visitor. We are looking into introducing him officially as a school therapy dog over the next year as his gorgeous calm nature seems to fit this role perfectly.



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As we have moved closer to Christmas excitement has increased- the visit to the panto was just incredible. The children loved being out of school laughing and having fun together...we've already booked up for next year!

Our school choir performed beautifully at Snappy Christmas a couple of weeks ago and members of the public commented on what shining stars our children were.

I was blown away by our Christmas Enterprise Market last week; our Year 5 & 6 children worked together to raise a significant amount of money for school and it was certainly an evening to remember.

Finally, the term has drawn to an end with great nativity performances from Early Years and Key Stage One and a brilliant singalong Carol concert from Key Stage 2. Our children have shone in so many different ways and I feel truly honoured to be a part of such an incredible community.



Thank you to all of our children, staff and wider family members for welcoming me into your hearts. I am so incredibly excited to continue Marton Manor's journey with you all. The future looks bright with so much to look forward to; we are truly making every single moment count.

Have a magical festive break and enjoy every second of precious time spent together.

Kindest regards and best wishes,

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