

# Mr Welsh's Noticeboard

17<sup>th</sup> December 2021



## **CAROLS AROUND THE TREE IS NOW LIVE!**

We are delighted to announce that our virtual 'Carols Around the Tree' musical performance has been added to your child's Microsoft Teams account for everyone to enjoy from the comfort, privacy and safety of your own home.

Just pour yourself a hot chocolate, grab a mince pie, log in to Teams, **using your child's log in details** (at the front of their journal), then sit back, relax and enjoy!

You can also access by clicking on this link and again, logging in:

<https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/c0098de4-5104-4733-b6ba-08b0de7c2d2c>

**Please note:** You must be logged into your child's Teams account to view the performance. If the video is showing as 'unavailable' or is stating that the 'video could not be found and the content may have been removed', it is more than likely that your device is still logged into another default email address. This needs to be signed out before re-logging in, as your child.

If you are having logging in issues, we have created an official school YouTube account and the performance can be watched via a private, unlisted link, which has been emailed out to all parents. Please do not share this.

A huge thank you to Mr Clarke who recorded each performance, Mr Boylan who produced the final video, all the staff for their rehearsal preparation but most importantly - the children - who were true stars and loved making this for you!

Merry Christmas from Everyone at NJA xx

## **THANKS & CHRISTMAS WISHES**

*I would like to take this opportunity, more than ever, to thank each and every one of you for your continued support of our truly wonderful school. It goes without saying, 2021 will always be another year none of us will ever forget and of course, for all of us, there have been highs, lows, successes, challenges and so much more. But, together, as our special NJA Family, we have all achieved so much and we should be proud of the love which has been shared!*

## **GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK**

Today, Mrs Cheale leaves our school after over 9 years of working as a Teaching Assistant and more recently, Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA), at NJA. Mrs Cheale is long standing member of staff, who has definitely offered an incredible amount of time, service and commitment to the NJA Community. She has, undoubtedly, supported, nurtured, cared for, loved, taught and had an immeasurable impact on thousands of children's lives over the last 9 years and we are grateful that she was able to offer our school family her gifts, over many years.

Good luck in your new career path, Mrs Cheale! You'll be amazing but we're certainly going to miss you!

Merry  
Christmas

2022  
Happy New Year!



*The staff and Academy Standards Committee are extremely appreciative of the support that the school receives from parents, and members of the school community, in order to benefit our children and this is something we will never take for granted!*

*May I also thank each member of our incredible school staff, who have gone above and beyond to ensure your children receive a top-quality education, whether this was during the national lockdown at the start of 2021 or during this current academic year. Everyone has quite simply 'mucked in' and whether they have taken on the many additional roles, such as Teacher, Cleaner, Lunchtime Supervisor, Covid Risk Assessment Writer - you name it - my staff have just got on with it! The children are extremely lucky to have such dedicated and passionate people working with them.*

*As I come to the end of my second term at NJA, I increasingly also become aware of the privilege it is to lead and serve our school community and I will look forward to the successes that 2022 will bring for us all. During this term, the buzz and atmosphere in school has been fantastic and so many visitors have commented on the 'lovely feeling' when entering NJA! As I've said to you before, and I will always say, it is about making NJA a true beacon of excellence; Normanton Junior Academy is a truly amazing school, which continues to go from strength to strength and I couldn't be any prouder!*

*Over the past 2 weeks, we've had Christmas music playing in the corridors, Christmas Discos, a Covid safe Tombola, a school Christmas Card Competition, made Christmas Cards & Calendars in class, taken part in a Sponsored Reindeer Runathon in aid of the Prince of Wales Hospice, held Christmas Parties, enjoyed hot chocolate & biscuits with a Christmas Movie Night, wore our Christmas Jumpers, enjoyed a delicious Christmas Dinner, had a whole school trip to the panto, recorded a virtual Carols Around the Tree, taken part in Christmas Music Workshops with Wakefield Music Services and this morning, there was even a gift from Santa, underneath the tree for each child! Even though some things were slightly different, to normal, once again, there was no way COVID-19 was stopping our Christmas preparations!!! The children have smiled, danced, sung and burst with happiness!*

*It has simply been a time of joy, celebration and excellence in all its forms and is just one of many examples that showcase the amazing school that we are. As one of our Y6 children said to me earlier this week... "Mr Welsh, thank you for all these Christmas treats and planning so much for us!" It's my pleasure, boys and girls!*

*And finally... may I take this opportunity to wish everyone in our school community a very happy and peaceful Christmas. On behalf of the whole staff too, thank you all for your cards, presents and kind wishes, this Christmas season. These are never expected but mean so much.*

*I hope all our families have a wonderful and well-deserved Christmas, and that Santa brings you all everything you deserve! I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year too, and I look forward to seeing you all back in school again, on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022.*

*Please stay safe, well and take care.*

*Mr Welsh  
Headteacher*

