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17th December, 2021.

Dear Parent / Carer,

Hopefully you will have been able to join us via Zoom to see and hear your fantastic children giving it their all for Christmas! Weren't they amazing? It really has been a joy this week to feel so festive with the children and see them enjoying the Christmas Fayre yesterday. Another of my proud times this week has to be the privilege of taking the choir to St Martin's Church in the Bullring, along with Miss Dainter and Mr Gill. I received an email from the organiser of the fundraising carol service for the University hospitals in Birmingham this morning, and this says it all:

On behalf of everyone here at UHB Charity I just wanted to send you a quick email to say thank you for last night's performance. The choir were wonderful. We had such lovely feedback about your singing and I hope that the children are really proud of themselves.

We are so grateful for your help and support with the choir concert, and I hope that everyone involved had as lovely evening as I did.

I hope that everyone at Bells Farm has a very safe and Happy Christmas and New Year.

*Best wishes,
Elle Huguet
Senior Fundraising Officer
University Hospitals Birmingham Charity*

All of the children were fantastic and were complimented on their impeccable behaviour as well as excellent singing, with another person emailing us to say that the children were a credit to the school. Nyeema and Amelia touched so many people with their beautiful solo performances. I really could not have been prouder of the children of Bells Farm on Wednesday evening.



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Reindeer Run for St Mary's Hospice

On another massively positive note, we raised an incredible **£4,333.41** from sponsorship money following our reindeer run. We took great pleasure in surprising Sally and Upjeet, the representatives from the hospice when we presented the cheque. So thank you from the bottom of our hearts for helping not just to raise money, but to remind the children of the good that they can do for those less fortunate than themselves. We are truly grateful to you all. That money will go far to support families who are going through the difficult times of losing their loved ones.

Farewell to Mrs Hill

We will really miss Mrs Hill, but just know that she will be fabulous in her new school. We thank her for the tremendous work put into the past 7 years at Bells Farm, making Early Years a great start for all of our children. I know you will join me in wishing her well as we say farewell. Miss Coghlan will be taking over the reins in Reception Class and we know the children will continue to be in very good hands.

A final thank you

As we break up for the holiday, I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone involved in this wonderful school community for the continued support and hard work during a term in which our old enemy COVID still plays such a role. We have been fortunate not to have had the same outbreaks as other schools have: we know of schools who have had to close classes due to outbreaks, and others who took the decision to not hold events of any kind due to increased risk of infection. What I know as a head teacher is that no head, including myself, takes any decision lightly in this unprecedented and seemingly never-ending difficult time. We are all doing our best to balance the best education we can provide with the community spirit that makes our school thrive. Children and families have missed out so much over the past two years (almost!), which is why we were determined to get our after school clubs running, inter-school sports programme going again, and making sure the children had fun and celebratory times alongside their learning. Our educational trips are all being booked for the spring term as they were pre-COVID and we hope that national developments in the spread of the new

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variant of the virus doesn't cause venues to cancel these trips. Already we know that 'Young Voices' as a huge venue event has now been cancelled for the second year running – our school like many others just knew that unfortunately this would not be able to proceed.

We will continue in the new year to put our hearts and souls into everything we do for the children – it is what we are about, and why you have chosen this school. But now they, we and you deserve a break!



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So whether you celebrate Christmas or not, have a very happy holiday, and I hope you enjoy precious time with your children. Please continue to keep safe, and hope for a better year ahead in 2022. We look forward to welcoming the children and yourselves back on **Wednesday 5th January 2022**. Until then, please take good care of yourselves and each other.

Kind regards,

Barbara Butterworth



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