



## Topaz News

Dear All,

Thank you for your support at the Christmas fair and with refreshments at our concert. We raised £90 at the fair and £80 at the concert. The children will be involved in deciding how we spend the money on resources. Thank you also for your kind messages and gifts.



It has been a really fun week in Topaz this week and I have been blown away by the way they have worked as a team to have an enjoyable time. I hope you enjoyed your glimpse of school too!

We had a lovely surprise visit from Santa. He was very interested in the maps that we had been making. We loved the crackers with our Christmas lunch.

At our party we played some traditional games like pass the parcel and musical chairs. Our party food was much needed and then lots of us still had energy for more dancing at the disco.

We haven't forgotten our learning this week either. We continued to get speedier with recalling parts of 5, painted trees, wrote maps and pretended to be elves. All in all, we deserve a rest!

### Phonics and reading and numbers

**Phonics** Over the holiday, try to keep your phonic learning going in between all of the excitement. I have completed some screening this week so will send you a personal update on Evidence Me with some things to work on. Get onto Bug Club if you haven't yet.

I hope you were impressed with the rhymes the children shared at our performance. Rehearsing rhyme including intonation has been proven to help them to be a better reader of the future so the words for these rhymes will be available on Evidence Me. You could share them with your families.

### Next Week

Enjoy this special time with your child. Believe me, they grow so fast! See things, make things and watch things together. Make some very special memories.

In the New Year we will be immersing in darkness. More information to follow but if you get time to star gaze and find out about planets, it would be useful.

PE days next term will be **Monday and Tuesday**. These have needed to change to accommodate my management time. We hope to welcome Ms Johns back in January so she will help cover one afternoon and my Deputy Head day will be covered by Mrs Dimery who the children have met. My office is in my room so I'm not often very far away.

Warm regards, *Sally Windmill*

