



## 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015

### Newsletter 4

Dear Parents,

Festive wishes to you all. It has been a jam packed two weeks; we have shared a Christmas meal with our governors, enjoyed the fun and atmosphere at the Xmas Fair, marvelled at the talents of the children performing 'Gabriels Big Break', welcomed Father Christmas to our Christmas parties, watched in wonder at the mesmerising performance of 'The Country Mouse and The Town Mouse' by the Pied Piper theatre Company and finally taken the time to remind ourselves about the 'real' meaning of Christmas. Whilst we draw breath, it is time for a well deserved rest for us all.



Sadly, we will be taking down and returning the hoops to you-they were absolutely beautiful again this year and it was such a pleasure to see them bringing the Christmas spirit to the school hall. Thank you for all your great efforts decorating them using our values of 'Peace & Love'. Please remember to return the hoops (bare!) in the new term.

### Governor Election

It is with great pleasure that we can inform you that as of Monday 7th December Mr Michael Sturges has been elected as a new Parent Governor to Newdigate School. Mr Sturges has a son, Finn, in Cherry Class and is looking forward to bringing his skills to our governing body. As there were no other nominations we were not required to hold an election for this post.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the hard working and dedicated staff; you are an incredible team and a pleasure to work with. Have a well-deserved relaxing holiday with your friends and families.

I would like to finish by making reference to our recent SIAMS inspection report:

*'The school's mission statement of 'In God's hands we learn and grow' is underpinned by distinctly Christian values of love, peace, trust, thanks, forgiveness and hope. These values are central to the life of the school and are understood and lived out by staff, governors, and the learners themselves. Parents are very supportive of these values and the associated behaviours of kindness, honesty, thoughtfulness, hard-work and respect. Learners understand how the values and behaviours make the school a secure place to be where everyone is supported to do their best and enjoy their learning. Learners respect and value each other and have a good understanding of how to support each other which is demonstrated by excellent behaviour.'*

In 2016 we will continue to put these core values at the centre of all we do because we recognise how important they are in our hectic and complex world. Thank you for supporting us at home.

Value for the next half-term is **Trust**.

Have a peaceful and relaxing Christmas.

We look forward to seeing you back here on 6<sup>th</sup> January at the usual time.

**Paula Bliss, Headteacher**

### Coming up

5 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	INSET day
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	return to school
22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2016	INSET day
24 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Break up

