



**Swallowdale
Primary School**

Newsletter December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems almost impossible that I write to you at the end of my first term at Swallowdale. Albeit a long term, the time has flown by. I have very much enjoyed my first term and thank everyone for making me feel so welcome.

I had the pleasure of accompanying the children to watch the pantomime 'Scrooge'. On the way back to school, it was lovely to hear so many children talking about the messages from the play and what this time of year means to each of them and the different activities they were looking forward to during their holiday time. I certainly hope that you all have a very Merry Christmas and enjoy your time together. Don't forget that holidays are the perfect opportunity to share books together. If you would like some ideas, don't forget Swallowdale's Reading Newsletter from Mrs Edwards.

We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

Mrs Harries

Science Award

Miss Charles and the whole team worked hard last academic year to develop the Science curriculum for the children. The hard work and improvements have been recognised as the school has been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark. Miss Charles and Miss Taylor attended the awards night to collect our certificate which is now proudly displayed in the reception area.

Thank you to all those involved.

Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day

On Friday 13th December, the school joined in with the Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. Thank you to all those who contributed. We raised a terrific £120.87.

This was also the day of our Christmas Dinner and the children and staff enjoyed a delicious meal as part of the end of term celebrations. Thank you to the kitchen staff for all their hard work. We really enjoyed it!



**Save the Children
CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**



Lights, Camera, Action

We have all been extremely proud of our younger children this term who have worked so hard to produce 2 amazing productions and a carol concert. Reception wowed their parents with their version of 'The Grumpy Sheep' and Year 2 enthralled their audience with their production of "The Inn-spectors". Year 1 were delighted to welcome their parents for a superb Carol Concert on Friday 13th December. A huge well done to all of those involved and thank you to all the parents who came to support. A special thank you from me to the staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make them so special.

Parents Support

We would like to thank all the parents who have supported and contributed to the many end of term celebrations.

Whether this was joining us for decorations day; contributing to the cost of the pantomime or walking with us to either the church or the pantomime, we appreciate your support. Without this, these events would not be able to run which would be a huge shame as the children benefit from them and enjoy them too. So, thank you!

PE Quality Mark

We were delighted to welcome Clare Marlow into school to present us with the School Games Gold Award. Swallowdale have received this for the excellent sports opportunities the children experience last academic year. This is fantastic news and very much deserved!

And finally from all the staff at Swallowdale Primary School,

