



John Ray Infant School

"learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves"

Notley Road, Braintree, Essex, CM7 1HL

Telephone: 01376 323071

Email: enquiries@johnrayinfants.essex.sch.uk

7th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a week! December has hit with a bang and the school is beginning to be full of festive cheer. The corridors are echoing with singing and I can currently smell the turkey and Yorkshire puddings being prepared for today's lunch. Assembly this morning was a spectacular sight of sparkle, lights and Christmas jumpers!

I have to personally thank our wonderful choir for their efforts this week. We have walked over 20,000 steps to visit three different care homes, singing a selection of our Christmas songs. The children have been an absolute credit to the school and demonstrated not only beautiful singing but also exemplary manners. I have been so proud of them all.



Thank you to the kitchen staff for putting on such a delicious lunch for the children today. We had Christmas tunes, crackers and I was impressed with the amount of sprouts consumed. A special thank you to Mrs Baker who bought some beautiful balloons to decorate the hall!



As you may be aware, thanks to all the blue tokens that were used in tesco we were lucky enough to be declared winners of their Tesco Stronger Starts Scheme. Yesterday, they came to present a cheque to the school council who showed them the current sensory room and explained our plans to renovate it with some sensory equipment. Thank you again for your dedication in the voting!

Next week continues to be a very busy week, please check the diary dates and separate communications for timings and details of the upcoming concerts, the nativity and Christmas craft morning, .

Look forward to seeing you there,

L Christian

Mrs Christian
Headteacher