

## Reflecting on the Autumn Term

We feel extraordinarily lucky to be leading a school as wonderful as Frank Wise and we benefit significantly from the commitment and hard work of the staff, the support of our families and the desire to learn in our pupils. It is down to this collective effort that we can reflect back on the past few months and feel that the school continues to offer a really high quality of education.

However, funding continues to be very tight, with the school not receiving what it requires financially, and the lack of spaces in special schools within Oxfordshire means that there is also pressure on our class numbers. It is therefore a testament to the hard work of the staff of the school that this is not yet having a significantly detrimental impact on the pupils' education. Rest assured that we are communicating our concerns to the Local Authority and have been meeting with them and with the Oxfordshire Association of Special School Heads to try and secure improvements in funding and capacity.

## Christmas Events

There are a number of Christmas events coming up over the next few weeks so here is a reminder of those key dates:

**Wednesday 12th December** - 3rd FG trip to the Pantomime

**Thursday 13th December** - 5th and 6th FG trip to the Pantomime

**Tuesday 18th December** - Primary Christmas Film (9:45 for a 10:00 start) at the Odeon in Banbury

**Wednesday 19th December** - Christmas Dinner

**Wednesday 19th December** - Secondary Christmas Play (1:45 for a 2:00 start)

**Thursday 20th December** - AN and 1st FG trip to Hatton Country Park

## Governor Update

The role of the Schools' Governing Body is a vital one and we are fortunate to have a very effective group of people who work hard on a voluntary basis to support the school and ensure that we are delivering the education your children deserve. Following the recent elections we can announce that Shirley Gelleburn has been re-elected as a Parent Governor. This is also the opportunity for us to thank Esther Palmer, class teacher in the 10th Family Group, for her eight years of service as a Staff Governor. Following Esther's decision not to seek re-election, Sam Devenny, class teacher in the 2nd Family Group, has nominated herself and will be representing the staff on the Governors from this point forwards.

## Friends' Christmas Raffle

We would like to say a very big thank you to all of you who have bought and sold raffle tickets over the past weeks. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity and efforts made on the part of family, friends and colleagues of the pupils and staff at Frank Wise School. The money raised will significantly aid the Friends in their work to support the children of the school with resources, opportunities and activities that extend their learning experiences.

There are a small number of tickets still available from reception if there is anyone who would still like to support the school by taking part in the prize draw.