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Merry Christmas!

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year on behalf of all the staff at Iron Acton. Thank you for all the support you have given to the school over the past few weeks and months during what has proved to be a very busy yet productive time! We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on **Tuesday 2nd January at 8.55am.**

Eagles visit to St Barnabas

Yesterday, Eagles class went on a visit to St Barnabas Primary School in Montpelier, Bristol. They had the opportunity to meet children from different backgrounds from their own and make new friends. They had a walk around the local area to make comparisons to their own and engaged in creative activities before heading back to Iron Acton.

The children from St Barnabas will make a return visit to Iron Acton next term. For more information about yesterday's visit please take a look at St Barnabas' blog <https://stbarnabastablet.wordpress.com/> Our own school blog will also be updated soon so please take a look in the next few days.

Attendance

This Wednesday we were pleased to present 31 children with awards for achieving 100% attendance since the start of September. We also recognised those who had achieved above 98%. Well done children!

We continually monitor attendance at school for individual children as well as classes. Since September, attendance was as follows:

Kestrels – 96.4%

Falcons – 98%

Eagles – 98%

Whole school – 97.4%

Our attendance target is 97.2% so this is a fantastic achievement. Thank you for your support.

Clubs next term

We hope that everyone has now been able to sign up for clubs next term. The letter was sent out by email last week. Clubs will begin during the second week next term.

As well as this, Swift Sports have agreed to carry out a lunchtime club to train young leaders in sport every Friday for the next few months. The aim is to encourage the older children to work alongside the younger children to provide games and activities to encourage healthy and active lifestyles.

Our highlights this term

Outdoor learning week
Visit to Berkeley Castle – Eagles
Visit to Avebury – Falcons
Autumn walk
Bonfire night sharing with parents
Sports hall athletics tournament
Yate Heritage Centre visit – Eagles
PJ day for Children in Need
Collecting shoeboxes
Drama workshop with Unique Voice during anti-bullying week – Falcons and Eagles
Prayer spaces reflection day
Golf visits – Year 5 and 6
Christmas fair
Street dance sessions with Kenzi
Climbing centre visits – Year 5 and 6
Learning disability awareness workshop – Year 5 and 6
Visit to Bristol science labs – Eagles
Visit to Chipping Sodbury memory café – Falcons
Nativity!
Football match against North Road
Travelling Kitchen visit
Visit to Acton Court – Eagles
Christingle making and service
Christmas party
Visit to St Barnabas School, Bristol – Eagles

And today... the Landing event

As you can see we have aimed to provide as many opportunities for the children as possible and we hope you feel that we have achieved this. We will continue to work towards this aim over the next term beginning with visits to Lovell Building Site in the village on the first Friday of term. Please do let us know if you can come along and help.

A big thank you

On Monday, our school received a visit from church schools inspector, Reverend David Hatrey. We were very pleased to be able to show him what an amazing school this is. Many children met with Rev Hatrey through the day and he was very impressed by their conduct and attitude as well as the positive impact that our school has upon them. We were also delighted to see so many parents come along to the parent session he held at the end of the day. Thank you for taking the time to come and give your feedback, it was very much appreciated. And thank you, of course, to the children for all you did to make the day run so well. The formal report will be available at the start of term 3.