



Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School
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Final Newsletter of 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well we have finally made it to the last week of the term. It has been a wonderful few weeks and I hope you have enjoyed any events that you have been able to attend.

Well done to Maple and Willow for their Nativity performances. The children and staff had worked extremely hard to learn lines and songs and it definitely paid off. I was very proud of them all and I hope you were too. Thank you also to Kami Beddoe for her wonderful photos.

The Christmas Disco I know was enjoyed by many children on Friday evening – the social event of the year, so thank you to all our Friends and extra volunteers who helped set up, run stalls and tidy up afterwards.

Thank you if you purchased books from the Scholastic Book Fair that came to school. You helped raise £180 to spend on books and I am sure Mrs Mckay will happily spend that in no time!

We still have our Christmas Service on Wednesday to come, which is always a calm way to really think about the meaning of Christmas. Of course the rest of Wednesday is full of Christmas lunch and parties, with a special visit from Father Christmas (thank you to the Friends for the presents) so I imagine the end of the day will be less quiet!

A Reflection on the term

Christmas is a time to think about the year just gone and I like to think back to September and how much has been achieved by the children and staff since then.

Maple children have not looked back since their first day and are always a pleasure to be around.

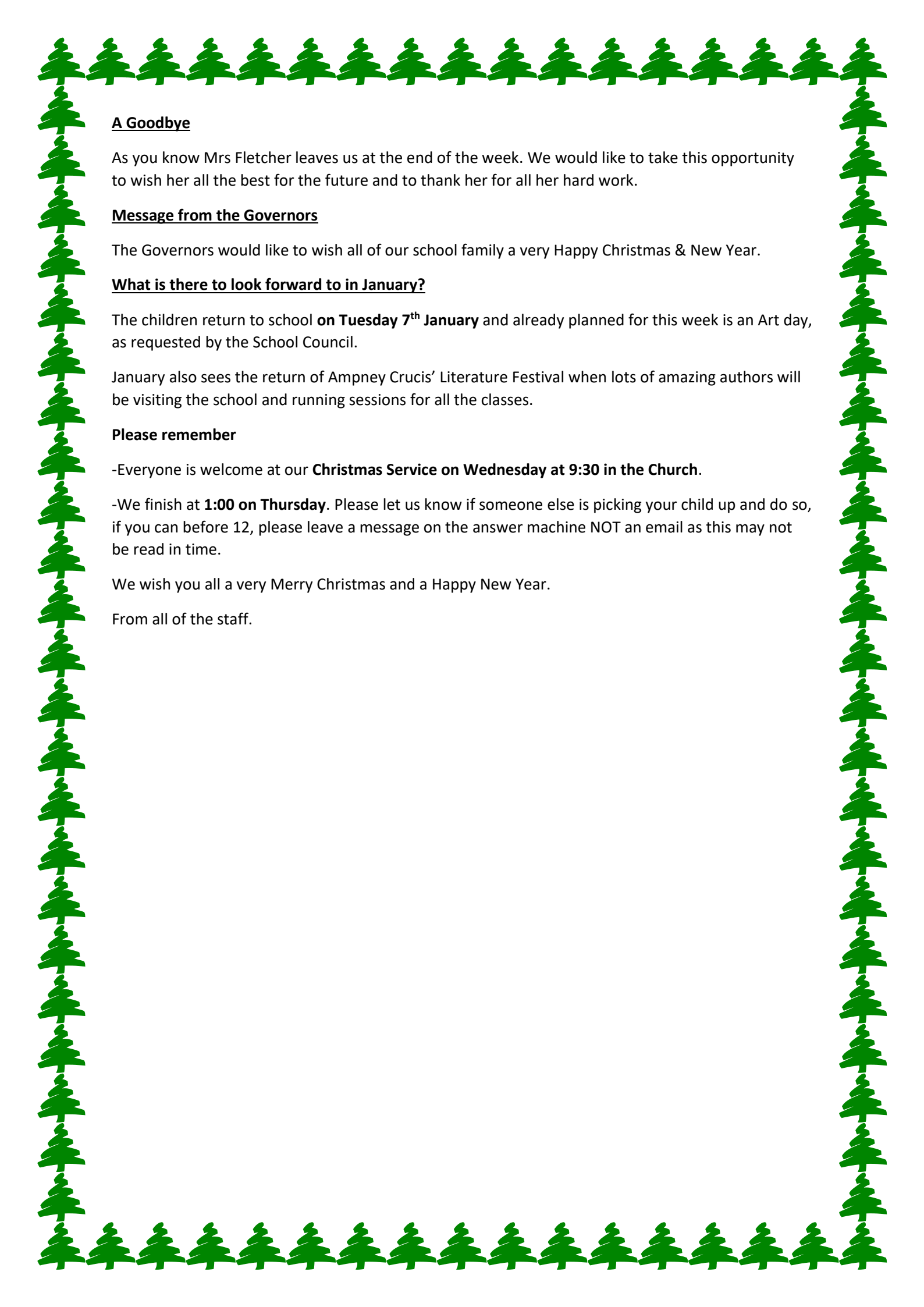
Mrs Janet Duffey and Miss Katie Jackson have both completed their first term at school and we are delighted that they chose to join our school. It seems like they have been with us longer and we are grateful for their hard work, experience and ideas they have brought to our team.

Karla Lanchbury and Gracie Pilling have also had a great impact since joining us, both in Willow class and working behind the scenes in the office. It too has been great to have them on board.

All the children have worked incredibly hard this term and their books show great progress and creativity- I look forward to seeing what they can achieve in the Spring.

The children have represented the school brilliantly in many different sporting events (Tag Rugby, Indoor Athletics, Netball to name a few) and other events partnered with our local small schools, the latest being an Experience Advent workshop attended by Year 4 children.

The teams of children in the School Council, Eco Committee, Sports Captains, Heads of School, House and Vice Captains have all worked hard this term to organise events, help out with parents evenings and nativities, deliver Christmas cards and plan for the future. There will be more to come in the Spring term!



A Goodbye

As you know Mrs Fletcher leaves us at the end of the week. We would like to take this opportunity to wish her all the best for the future and to thank her for all her hard work.

Message from the Governors

The Governors would like to wish all of our school family a very Happy Christmas & New Year.

What is there to look forward to in January?

The children return to school **on Tuesday 7th January** and already planned for this week is an Art day, as requested by the School Council.

January also sees the return of Ampney Crucis' Literature Festival when lots of amazing authors will be visiting the school and running sessions for all the classes.

Please remember

-Everyone is welcome at our **Christmas Service on Wednesday at 9:30 in the Church.**

-We finish at **1:00 on Thursday.** Please let us know if someone else is picking your child up and do so, if you can before 12, please leave a message on the answer machine NOT an email as this may not be read in time.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

From all of the staff.