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Dear Parents/Carers

I do love this time of year in school, it is so exciting! The children have had a wonderful time so far and we still have Christmas parties and Santa to come! Despite some very cold weather, the children have been in wonderful spirits and made the atmosphere in school warm and happy.



The Christmas shows for parents were all amazing; I am always bowled over by the quality of the children's performances and how well it all comes together in such a short space of time. I know from your lovely, positive comments how much you all enjoyed them too. My thanks go to the staff and all of the children for being so wonderful and making this such a special time.



It is also lovely to help others at this time and I am pleased to say we raised a total of **£386.64** for Framework, our local charity which supports the homeless. Thank you all for giving so generously!

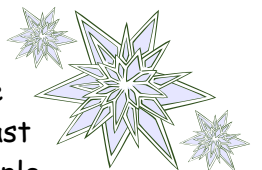
### PTA Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who attended our Musical Christmas Coffee Morning on Thursday, it was a great success. Thank you to the PTA for hosting this event which is always a highlight of the year. The children had a wonderful opportunity to show off their musical skills to parents. The choir sang beautifully as always and children from across the school who attend Street Dance performed 'Thriller' - this was wonderful! Our children who have continued lessons in both brass and clarinets had the chance to perform for the first time and really did very well indeed. Our strings orchestra played perfectly and we said a sad farewell to Mrs Bruce, who leaves us this term. She has done a wonderful job developing our orchestra and she will be greatly missed. Mrs Cooper, our music teacher will be taking on this role from January and I know the children will continue to flourish under her care. It is lovely to see Music developing so well in our school, with more and more opportunities for children to learn new skills and discover hidden talents!



### Gritting the roads around our school

Thank you to everyone who called or emailed the City Council about gritting our roads. Within two days of writing the newsletter they came and treated both the paths and the roads - fantastic! We are hoping they will continue to do so now, especially with the forecast looking so grim for the next few days. Just goes to show what people power can achieve!



I think I must be going for a record for the number of times you can say 'thank you' in any one newsletter today!

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## Diary dates for the Spring Term:

**Inset Dates Spring Term: Monday 17 January and Monday 28 February**

### **January**

Wed 5 Children return to school  
5-7 Career Days - parents and governors share their work experiences  
Thurs 13 Middleton One World Meeting 8.45am in the school hall  
Mon 17 **Inset Day - school closed for children**  
W/C 31 **Middleton Charity Week**

### **February**

Thurs 17 Middleton One World Meeting 8.45am  
21-25 **Half Term - school closed**  
Mon 28 **Inset Day - school closed for children**

### **March**

Wed 2/Thurs 3 School Book Fair  
Thurs 3 World Book Day - children dress as book characters  
Tues 8 **Parent Evening - late** (appointments between 3.30-6.30pm)  
Thurs 10 **Parent Evening - early** (appointments between 3.00-5.30pm)  
9-15 School Science Week  
31 Middleton One World Meeting 8.45am

### **April**

Fri 15 **School closes for Easter Break - 2 weeks**

Lastly, I would just like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas!  
We hope the New Year brings good health and happiness to every family.



Enjoy the holiday, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all back at school on Wednesday 5 January 2011.

Yours sincerely

R Plaskitt  
Head Teacher