



**Alexandra Park Primary School**  
*Care, Aspire, Achieve*

## Friday 16th December

This week it is all about thank yous! It has been a long time since we have had a school disco. But after seeing how much the children loved it, there is no doubt that there will be more to come in the future! I would like to thank all our parents who organised and ran the discos as well as our school staff who stayed behind and looked after the children. The nativities were amazing! I hope the Year 2 parents enjoy theirs as much as we all enjoyed them last week. Again, thank you to all the staff who organised them and the parents who helped with learning the words and songs at home!

### Reception

We are all very proud of our Reception children for putting on a fantastic first Nativity! The children sang their hearts out and did an amazing job learning lots of actions and new dances. We are also very impressed with how well the children performed their lines. It was a great experience for all involved and we hope that you all enjoyed the show!



This half term, Reception have been learning about Christians. We had a fantastic visit this week from Reverend Jeremy, who spoke to the children about some of the Christian traditions at Christmas time. He told us the story of 'The Fox's Tale', which helped us to understand the Christmas story. Reverend Jeremy was really impressed with the engagement of the children and has invited us to come and visit the Church next term!



## Year 1

We are so proud of all of the children in Year 1 for their performances in this year's Christmas nativity. They have worked so hard and we are delighted with how confident and enthusiastic they have been throughout all of the rehearsals and both performances. Thank you to all parents for coming to watch. Well done 1 Nightingale & 1 Rashford!





### Year 3

We have been learning all about sculptures and Andy Goldsworthy this half term as part of our art unit of work. Last week we took a visit to the park to collect natural resources ready to use for making our own sculptures in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. As promised, here are some of our sculptures!



### Science

This week Year 4 continued to explore changing states of matter. They used their knowledge of melting and freezing to make rice crispy cakes; melting solid chocolate into liquid, mixing with crisp rice and waiting for the chocolate to solidify before they ate it!



Year 2 did some fun science and completed a comparative test to compare which type of liquid dissolves skittles the quickest (cold water, warm water or vinegar).



## **Rocksteady**

Children in KS1 and KS2 have been working so hard during this term learning to play lots of different instruments. They have been practising each week with their band leader Charlie, who teaches them how to play various instruments, such as bass guitar, acoustic guitar, drums, keyboard and even sing too! The children also learn how to become better musicians by playing as part of a group and performing.

Well done and what amazing musicians we have at Alex Park!





## **Star of the Week**



As always, it was an absolute delight to chat with our Stars of the Week on Friday. One of the things we are focusing on as a school this year is developing the children's confidence and ability to articulate their thoughts, feelings and what is important to them. We have done a lot of work in school about children rights. I can see a difference during my discussions with the children and where they are politely and respectfully voicing their opinions on many aspects of our school, which will help us improve what we do

## **Discos**

It was absolutely fantastic to see so many smiling faces at the discos. The children were laughing, smiling, dancing, and clearly had a great time. It was also lovely to see so many parents relaxing in the canteen and chatting whilst they were waiting. Another huge thank you to everyone who made the event possible - it was clearly a huge success!



## **Important Dates**

- Stay and Read for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children and parents will continue on Thursday mornings 8.40 to 9.10am
- Panto at Stockport Plaza on **Wednesday 21st December**
- School breaks up for half term on Friday 23rd December
- School reopens on Tuesday 10th January