



RHODES AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

15 December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

I attended one of the performances of A Christmas Carol last week. As ever, I was so impressed by the children, as well as everything their teachers and the support staff have done to produce three separate performances. To the parents who designed, painted, built, sewed, played music – you help to make our school and the children's experience remarkable. Thank you so much.

Deputy Head Shane is usually involved with the Xmas show, and we miss him. You all now know that he is starting treatment for cancer. It must be so difficult for him at a time when he is usually enjoying the festive season at school and at home. On behalf of everyone in the school community – children, parents, staff and governors – I send love, positive thoughts and season's greetings to Shane and his family.

I would like to thank our headteacher Adrian, our other deputy head Maria, and members of the Senior Leadership Team for stepping up and covering Shane's many responsibilities over the last few weeks. As of next term, we will be implementing a plan that ensures Shane's key roles can be shared, without members of staff having to put in extra hours.

Finally, a brief reminder of other school things to appreciate: we had extraordinary schools results last year, placing us 114th in the top 250 schools in the country - a combination of outstanding teaching and the willingness of your children to learn. The school is also in a healthy financial situation, thanks to meticulous work by Adrian and our business manager Tracy, as well as our facilities manager Andrew who is in charge of an active school lettings programme.

I hope you all have a fantastic time with your children over the school break and wish you all the best for the coming year.

Kind regards

Alison Vaughan
Chair of Governors