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Dear Parent/Carer,

I just wanted to write a quick letter to say how wonderful it was in Church this morning, Year 5 children performed brilliantly, our Year 5 soloist sang beautifully, and the Christmas carols were amazing to hear. On the walk back to school, children even spotted Santa Claus on the rooftops who waved at all the children which was very special.

The KS1 and EYFS performances are now uploaded onto the class pages and are very entertaining with many Stars in the making. Children, this afternoon, watched the videos in their classes and you could hear the children clap and shout along when watching the KS1 performance. A huge amount of work has gone into making these performances both from the children and the staff so thank you all for that.

Christmas parties took place across school this week; they were very loud and lively, and children loved them which is exactly as we wanted. Christmas music has played throughout school with lots of Christmas activities taking place in all classes – glitter is everywhere.

The pantomime was outstanding, all children took part and enjoyed booing and cheering all the characters as well as joining in with all the songs.

It was Mrs Blakeley's last day today in Nursery and she has had a lot of lovely surprises today from children and staff.

On behalf of all the staff a huge thank you for all the gifts that have been given, your generosity in supporting the school and the staff is amazing, and we really do appreciate it.

We are expecting to back in school on Tuesday 4th January 2022, but if anything changes over the Christmas period, we will send a message out on the school app as soon as we can so, please do check it for notifications.

So that just remains for me, on behalf of the staff, to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Joanne Lancaster

Quote of the Week

Lukas (aged 7)
when entering school
after Church this
morning.

**"Home Sweet
Home."**

Please see the information below regarding Blackgates Primary Academy Consultation.



Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to inform you that in line with Statutory Guidance and the Schools Admission Code (2021) Blackgates Primary Academy is consulting on their Admissions Policy for reception pupils who will start at Blackgates Primary Academy in September 2023. In September 2023/24, Leodis Academies Trust intends to change Pupil Admissions Number (PAN) at Blackgates Primary Academy from 60 to 30.

Full details of the proposal, a copy of the draft admissions policy 2023-24 and how you can comment on the proposals can be found here: [Admissions — Leodis Academies Trust](#)

The consultation will take place for six weeks between **Monday 6 December 2021 and Monday 17 January 2022**.

This consultation does not apply to anyone making an application to start Reception in September 2022, who will apply using the Admissions Policy for September 2022 - August 2023.

If you are making an application for your child to start primary school for the very first time, you can also watch our school admissions [you tube video](#) which covers the key steps.

The closing date for applications to start in Reception in September 2022, is **Saturday 15 January 2022** and you can find out further information here: [Apply for a primary school \(leeds.gov.uk\)](#)