

# Risdene Academy Weekly Newsletter

20th December 2017

**School re-opens on  
Thursday 4th January  
2018**

## **PRIDE**

Thank you to everybody for your phenomenal support for our school throughout this year. There have been many changes, which have been embraced and we can't wait to go even bigger and even better in 2018! Our wonderful children are what make this school the exciting place that it is. Add that into the mix of an amazing team of staff, then we have a huge recipe for success! I'd like to place on record my thanks to all the remarkable staff and also all of our committed volunteers who work tirelessly to improve the experience that our children receive. Getting the environment right for children to learn, flourish and be successful as individuals; promoting a culture of ambition, respect and resilience and pushing an ethos of success, celebration and general amazingness is what we strive for and 2018 will be no different! Our school is all about our children. Recognising each child as an individual...aiming to meet their individual needs on a personal, social and academic level. We take great pride in making sure that this is our core focus.

I would also like to thank you for your contributions towards our Christmas fayre where we raised over £600, which will go towards the enrichment activities and outside provision. It was great to see so many of you in attendance.

On a personal note, I would like to thank you all for your messages of congratulations. I am delighted to tell you that Mrs Abel will be taking up the position of Acting Principal, when I go on maternity leave later in January. I know with Mrs Abel at the helm the school will continue to grow and develop and she will build on all that Risdene is about. Joining us from the start of January, will be Mrs Claire Radd, who will take up the position of acting Vice Principal. Mrs Radd is an experienced Senior Leader and has experience herself of headship. It was clear when we met with her that her passion and values clearly align with us and she will work tirelessly with Mrs Abel in improving outcomes and opportunities for the children of Risdene.

This is not goodbye as I intend to welcome you back in the new year before starting my maternity leave mid January.

On behalf of everyone here at Risdene we wish you a Merry Christmas and we will see you in 2018.

**Miss Mills**

## **Sporting Success**

Recently four of our year 3 and 4 children went to a curling event in Kettering. Mrs Mann and Mr Warpol could not have been prouder of these children who all showed Risdene PRIDE. Positivity – They all had a positive attitude to curling understanding that it wasn't just about the winning but most importantly about having fun. Respect and Integrity – The children spurred children from other schools on and shook hands after each game telling them "Well done!" and "Good game!" They played the game fairly and showed a good understanding of the rules. Determination – With around 3 more games to play, we found out that we were very close to being in the top two to be put through to a final. This made the team notch the intensity up a gear with then trying to do their utmost to get into the top 2. Excellence – Throughout the day, their skills improved with them growing in confidence and getting better and better. In the end, we came third, being 1 point away from the top 2 positions of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. All in all, we had the best day and were very happy to have come third in East Northants and Wellingborough.

## **Sleeping Beauty**

We all thoroughly enjoyed the Sleeping Beauty pantomime. All the children (and adults) got involved in booing the wicked fairy. We laughed lots even when we got squirted with the water pistol! It was great to see all the children having fun and they even had a bit of a boogie at the end of the pantomime. The children were a fantastic audience for the theatre company. Thank you to all that made a contribution towards this.

**Merry  
Christmas**

