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Newsletter

Friday 17th December

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow, we have come to the end of a long and dark term that has certainly thrown up some challenges! However, as always, the Comper Team have approached the challenges with energy and courage, supporting each other through staff shortages and always putting the needs of the children and our families first. I would like to extend a massive THANK YOU to all our staff for all the work they do at Comper.

Despite the challenges and the stress of what is going on in the wider world, we have been able to create our own little world of innocence, awe and wonder at Comper over the last couple of weeks. The children have had a truly magical week, enjoying all that is exciting and special during this season. You'll be pleased to know that nothing was cancelled and our children were able to enjoy everything we had planned for them!

Here is a flavour of the week we've had. Please see a snapshot through the pictures below, but for more personal viewing please see your tapestry accounts. So here we go.....

We have visited the story museum getting lost in the imaginary worlds of some of our classic picture books. We have been to the theatre for an unusual Christmas performance. We have come back to school in the dark to have stories by candlelight, decorated biscuits and searched for nocturnal animals in our beautiful garden which was festooned with twinkling lights -truly magical! Father Christmas paid the children a special visit on Wednesday to deliver each child a present and we all shared a delicious Christmas lunch cooked by our very own master chefs Tracy and Yasmine, thank you both. We have sung and danced our hearts out, enjoyed lots of sweet treats (and the odd healthy treat), played party games at our Christmas parties and last but not least we have created a bafta worthy production of the The Jolly Comper Postman, directed by our very own Sarah Merry. Thank you Sarah for all your hard work on this. If you haven't already, please check it out at our unlisted youtube link: [The Jolly Christmas Postman](#)

Thank you to all of you who have baked, decorated, accompanied, organised, donated, clapped and supported our children. As the old African proverb goes "It takes a village to raise a child." We couldn't do all that we do for your children without the support of our wonderful Comper community.

Thank you to all of you who have sent such lovely messages of support and positive feedback over the last few weeks, it really means a lot to all the staff at Comper and has been such a morale booster when times have been tough.

After our Full Governing Board Meeting on Wednesday 8th December, the governors ratified the new school values which the staff had worked together to develop on in an INSET in September and many of you also contributed to in our post it note exercise at the garden party at the end of term 1. The final four that were decided are: **Love, Courage, Curiosity and Aspiration**. I certainly feel that our community has been living into the 'love and courage' values over the last few weeks. We are looking forward to spending more time contemplating these values with the children in 2022. If you would like to see more about our refreshed, values, ethos, aims and vision, please visit our website: www.comper.org.uk

So last but not least, in the final newsletter of this academic year, it just remains for me to wish you all a relaxing, peaceful and healthy winter break and for those of you that celebrate Christmas, a very happy Christmas.

We look forward to seeing you refreshed and ready to learn, laugh and play together in 2022! **School is open to children again on Wednesday 5th January 8.40am!**

Best wishes,



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