

20<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Happy Christmas and New Year everyone!

Another term gone, the children and young people have been excellent once again. Most children and young people have ups and downs (as we all do) but we've seen a real maturity this term with students working really hard on staying calm, working hard and forming positive relationships.

The trip to London, the trips to the panto and other seasonal visits were excellent and the children seemed to really appreciate the opportunity. It can be very easy to look for reasons not to run trips like this, but the commitment and dedication of the staff is something that I am particularly proud of at Foxwood. Thank you to all involved (which was everyone, including those that had to remain in school)

The Christmas Fayre and the Carol singing was well attended and we managed to raise over £1000. Some of this money will be going towards funding the new library, which I think most of you have seen.

We continue to post updates of activities on our Facebook page and encourage all parents and carers to join (LINK). This is now a private group.

There's no escaping the financial squeeze on families and schools at the moment. The funding from the new building is coming from reserves that we've been saving since 2017 and so we're hoping to avoid any unplanned surprises. The unfunded pay rises have been also met by careful and consistent management of the Academy finances and curriculum by the Academy trustees who do an excellent job in the background.

This January we would like to offer a permanent food bank at the front of school in reception; we'll provide more information in the new year but if you have any unwanted gifts or food that you would be otherwise throwing away (non-perishables) then we would welcome the donation.

Some of you may have seen that plans to build a large extension to Foxwood on the old Bramcote site are now in the media. We are in the process of working with the White Hill Park Trust and coming to the end of consultations and due diligence. If you have any comments on this, then please contact us at school.

A final thank you, as ever goes to our staff that work behind the scenes at Foxwood. The admin staff, site management, IT, cleaners and the catering team all go above and beyond at this time of year and are often overlooked. Thank you – you do a brilliant job.

With that, I wish you a restful break – remember, if you need us, we are at the end of the phone or an email.

Looking forward to a new and exciting 2023 with you all.



**James Hutchinson**  
Headteacher.