

# Headteacher's Blog



**This Week...** The radiators have broken down or worked erratically in some classrooms and it has been very very cold! Thank goodness they are now fixed and classrooms are toasty again. The staff didn't really complain – they just carried on but I have to say some areas in school were on the chilly side and I appreciated the way staff made cups of tea for the heating engineers to keep them working hard!!!

We are gearing up for Christmas with children practicing the production songs and looking forward to all the festivities. However for some children this is a very confusing time, they don't like getting out of routine and the heightened emotions that Christmas brings. We try to prepare our children for all the changes and having the PECS timetables in the classroom really helps.

One of the many meetings I attend is about planning educational visits. We plan MANY educational visits – each venue is risk assessed and great care is taken to keep our children safe. Teachers ask for parents' consent because we need to know that you agree and to flag up that there may be additional factors like bringing a lunch or something like that. After each visit an evaluation takes place – what went well? Or what we can improve upon? The value of these visits is enormous – very few of us will remember a great maths lesson but I bet you all remember a fantastic trip out of school. These are the 'highlights' for many mainstream pupils but I think our lovely pupils get loads of exciting and interesting experiences that really add to their understanding of the world. Often, members of the public comment on how well behaved, polite and engaged our children are. I am always proud of them but after comments like that, even more so.

## And another thing! ....

The SMT are applying for grants to various charities to update and upgrade our existing sensory space and create a much needed new one. This is really time consuming as we have to send loads of information to the companies and foundations however we are hopeful that some funding will be granted – we have plans!!!!

### Reminders

Have a lovely  
fun filled  
weekend!

## And Finally...

Best bit of the week  
(possibly my year) Mason  
walking over 9 metres  
entirely on his own. Tears of  
joy all round.

Best wishes to all from Mrs B.