

It is a day filled with mixed emotions. The Christmas holidays are now upon us but we are saying a fond farewell to Mrs Diplock who is leaving us today. I am sure you will join with us in thanking her for her commitment to teaching during her time here at Lenham.

The children performed a lovely leaving assembly for her this morning and a copy of the lyrics formed part of Mrs Diplock's farewell card from the school. We are certain we will be seeing her back in school in the new year completing a couple of special projects for us. In the meantime, on behalf of all us here at Lenham, we wish her a very Happy Christmas and all the best for the future.

Year 4 is also sad to be saying goodbye to Georgia who is emigrating to Australia. I know she will be sorely missed by the class, we hope she keeps in touch and we all wish her well in her new school.

### Spelling Bee

All children have been given a list of words to learn over the Christmas holidays in preparation for a whole school Spelling Bee competition in January. The first round of the contest will take place in class during the first two days back in January. The instructions are on the sheet of words sent home this week.

Mrs Fisher has visited the school twice in the run up to the Christmas break and spent time with the children on both occasions. She has enjoyed her visits to school getting to know the children and is looking forward to joining us in January.

The topic in Term 3 will be 'What have the Romans done for us?'

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January**.

**Mrs Culver and the Year 4 teaching team**