



Religious News

Classes are continuing their preparation for our end of term services in hymns. These services will take place for EYFS and KS1 at 9.15am in school and at 10.15am in Church for KS2 and parents are welcome to attend the services.

Teachers have been meeting this week to plan the units of work which they will undertake next half term which all link to the study of other faiths.

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES TO DATE

Audiences were thoroughly entertained on Tuesday by the singing and dancing superstars in Reception as they presented their Christmas production, ‘This is the Story’, which was especially scripted for school by Mrs Adams. It was amazing to see the confidence of the children who read, acted and sang brilliantly on the day, including some amazing solos by a number of children! Many thanks to parents for your support by practising lines and in providing costumes. Special thanks to the staff in Reception who have worked so hard over the last few weeks and of course to Mrs Adams for directing the performance.

On Thursday, it was the turn of our Year 1 and Year 2 superstars to take to the stage in their performances of ‘The Inn Spectors’. Once more, everyone present was entertained by some fantastic singing, dancing and narration. Many thanks to the staff in Key Stage 1 who have worked so hard over the past few weeks to achieve the fantastic results and to Mrs Armstrong who accompanied the children on the piano. Thanks again also to parents for providing costumes and rehearsing with their children.

Finally, today, it was the turn of Nursery with their version of The Christmas Story and no-one present could have failed to be impressed by the singing and the ‘cuteness’ of all involved. Thanks to the Nursery staff and Mrs Armstrong who prepared the children. Once more, it has been a real privilege to attend all the performances this week and to celebrate the real meaning behind Christmas.

Achievers of the week for 10th December.

This week we have awarded our certificates to children who Demonstrated motivation in different areas of the curriculum.

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded certificates:

FS2 Sam P, Archie D

Y1 Peter W, Charlotte P

Y2 Harrison R, Freya C

Y3 Mary H, Isobel N

Y4 Harriet K, Molly N

Y5 Ethan S, Emily W

Y6 Grace M, Freddie D

Next week our certificates will be awarded to children for their contribution to school life during the term.

ANGELIC VOICES

Many of you will have been fortunate enough to hear our talented choirs at a number of events and we are delighted that, over the past fortnight, they have also performed in two of the Residential Homes in the area.

Last week, they sang at Hillsboro and, on Wednesday, they sang at The Glen, both of which were very well received by the staff and residents. We are grateful to Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Hanson for preparing the children but especially proud of the children and their fantastic singing. Well done, everyone.

ATTENDANCE Week of 3rd December

F1am	95.38%
F1pm	93.33%
F1 30 hours	97.50%
F2P	94.48%
F2Py	97.59%
Y1M	97.74%
Y1S	94.52%
Y2F	97.67%
Y2D	96.67%
Y3HM	97.33%
Y3W	96.67%
Y4HW	95.67%
Y4M	95%
Y5B	100%
Y5G	95.33%
Y6B	96.67%
Y6V	96.55%

Congratulations to Y1M who won the attendance cup this week in EYFS and KS1.
Congratulations to 5B who had 100% the attendance last week. Well done!
Our weekly attendance last week was 96.56%.

E SAFETY TOP TIP

The NSPCC has teamed up with O2 to help keep children safe when they're using the internet, social networks, apps, games and more.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Talk about staying safe on line

Explore their online world together

Agree rules about what's ok and not

Manage your family's settings and controls

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Monday 17th – Parents of F2P are invited to the Craft activities in Reception from 2.15pm.

Children in F2Py are invited to come in their party clothes on Monday and they will have their party on Monday.

Nursery crafts am /pm

Tuesday 18th – Years 1 and 2 children are invited to come in their party clothes for their party day.

Nursery crafts am /pm

Parents of F2Py are invited to the Craft activities in Reception from 2.15pm.

Children in F2P are invited to come in their party clothes on Tuesday for their party.

Wednesday 19th – Nursery children are invited to come in their party clothes for their party day

Music Concert at 1.45pm and at 7pm. Please remember to bring your tickets to this event.

Thursday 20th – EYFS and KS1 Christmas Service at 9.15am in the school hall. This will be a celebration in prose and song of the events of the first Christmas.

KS2 Christmas Service at 10.15am in St John's Church which, once more, will be a celebration in prose and song of the events of the first Christmas.

Children in Years 3,4, 5 & 6 are invited to bring their party clothes to school to change into after the services.

Thursday 20th – School closes for the Christmas Holidays and will re-open on **3rd January** .

CATERING UPDATE

Huge thanks to Nathan and his team who served up over 430 delicious Christmas dinners today – a very tasty treat. School meals cost £1.90 a day, £9.50 a week and £60.80 for the half term (3rd January to 15th February). Payments in advance please.

PTFA UPDATE

The next meeting of the PTFA will take place on **Tuesday, 15th January 2019** at 7.15pm in the staffroom. All are welcome as the PTFA plan some events for the remainder of the year.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Year 3 bun sale which made a profit of £170.12.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

5B recommends "Eva" by Shirley Isherwood. This book is about a Jewish girl who is very shy and only feels like she can talk to her pet mouse. She is sent across Europe during the Second World War to escape the Concentration Camps.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY- Thank you for your £160 donations for Save the Children Charity today.