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Religious News

In Collective Worship this week, we continued to look at Advent and how it is a time of preparation. We discussed about different messengers and looked at John the Baptist in particular and how he spread the message about the coming of 'someone who will come and baptize people with the Holy Spirit.' Classes have continued to explore together how Christians recognise that it is important to do things for others at this time of year and to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus. As identified on our calendar, our Christmas services will take place on the last day of term, 20th December. Our EYFS and KS1 service will take place at 9.15am in the school hall to be followed by the KS2 service at 10.15am in Church. All parents are invited to these services. Parents are also reminded that our annual Education Service will take place a 10am at St John's Church on 27th January 2020.

*I think that God needs to come to earth again to tell us to
our face that we are not doing a good enough job of looking
after his creation*

Annabelle

THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

All of our younger children have welcomed friends and families to school this week to share their Christmas Concert and Nativities. On Tuesday, it was the turn of Reception who performed 'One Starry Night in Bethlehem', a play which was written by Mrs Adams. On Wednesday, the Nursery children entertained everyone with a number of Christmas songs and carols. On Thursday, it was the turn of 120 children from Years 1 and 2 to perform 'Everyone Loves A Baby'. Throughout all the performances, it was wonderful to see the confidence of the pupils speaking, acting, dancing and, of course, singing. Many thanks to all families for supporting with sending in costumes, for helping with lines and of course your support during the week. Huge thanks to all the staff who have worked so hard over the past few weeks with special mention to Mrs Armstrong for providing the music for Nursery Concert and Key Stage 1 Nativity and to Mrs Adams who directed the Reception Nativity. 37 children from Years 5 & 6 choir were very well received when they entertained residents at Hillbor Nursing Home yesterday. All in all, a very busy week and our Carol Singers from Years 3 & 4 are due to sing later today in Baldon also.

Achievers Of The Week

This week, we have recognised the achievements of pupils who have demonstrated a positive attitude to and engagement Drama, Music or The Arts.

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded certificates this week:

Nursery: Henry H

FS2 Lydia B, Millie B

Y1 Ayana A-T, Will C

Y2 Max M, Lottie L

Y3 Thomas P, Riley R

Y4 Connor B, Aimee B

Y5 Annie F, Isabelle V

Y6 Honey W, Amelia S

Next week, our certificates will be awarded by staff to pupils who have shown the true meaning of Christmas in their actions.

APPLICATIONS FOR 2020

Parents are reminded that, the closing date for applications for Reception 2020 is January 15th.

If parents are applying for a place in Baldon Church of England on religious grounds, they are reminded that they need to complete a Supplementary Information Form which needs to be returned to our school office also by 15th January .

ATTENDANCE Week of 2nd December

FS1am	90%
FS1pm	85.45%
FS1 (30)	90%
FS2Q	93.33%
FS2M	96%
Y1S	98.67%
Y1P	88%
Y2F	85.33%
Y2D	94%
Y3W	91.33%
Y3FH	94%
Y4M	89.66%
Y4AW	81.67%
Y5B	96.67%
Y5G	93.45%
Y6V	94.33%
Y6B	92.76%

Our whole school attendance was 91.91%. Congratulations to Y1S who won the attendance cup in EY and KS1 and to Y5B who won the KS2 attendance cup.

HEROES IN THE KITCHEN

Many thanks to Nathan and his team who served up a delicious Christmas dinner to everyone today.

In all, they served 460 dinners which is approximately 100 more dinners than they usually serve.

As usual, the food was extremely tasty and a real treat.

Well done and thank you everyone.

NEXT WEEK IN BAILDON The School Council will be selling Reindeer Food next week priced at £1.

16th F2Q Crafts and F2M party

16th Nursery Crafts 8.45am-9.45am or 2pm-3pm

16th Senior Glee Club 4.15pm

17th F2M Crafts and F2Q party

17th Nursery Crafts 8.45am-9.45am or 2pm-3pm

17th Junior Glee Club 4.15pm

18th Nursery Party Day

18th Music Concert – 1.45pm

18th Music Concert -6.30pm- children are asked to come back to school at 6.00pm.

19th KS1 Parties – children invited to come in their party clothes

20th EYFS and KS1 Service at 9.15pm in the school hall

20th KS2 Service at 10.15pm in St John's Church – all welcome

20th KS2 Parties – KS2 children are asked to bring their party clothes with them to change into after the services.

20th School Closes for holidays

DEBT – Currently, we are owed in excess of £800 for non-payment of breakfast club and dinner fees. Unfortunately, whilst we appreciate that times are difficult, we can't afford to sustain this and may be forced to withdraw these services in case of non-payment. Please can we ask for your co-operation in this.

E- SAFETY TIPS As we approach Christmas, it's likely that many children will be spending some of their time with technology, be it new or otherwise. The website <https://saferinternet.org.uk> has produced some guidelines to follow: full guidelines can be viewed at their website below, and I have summarised the key points below. When it comes to using tablets, start slowly; only download games and apps you have checked out carefully and steer children towards age targeted content.

Remember that any mobile device allows your children to communicate with others - how do you know who they are talking to? Set limits for screen time, check which apps they have installed, ask to see their phone if you are worried.

Games consoles also have communication platforms - remember your child could be chatting live to anybody.

Consider setting parental controls on your Wi-Fi – you can block access to inappropriate or adult content, and set time limits which may help rein in those excessive Minecraft sessions.

While caution is always advisable, remember also that technology can be a wonderful thing. Look for opportunities to enjoy technology together with your children, but remember to switch off and enjoy plenty of time away from the screen!

A VERY CREATIVE CURRICULUM

Year 6 are currently completing their topic, 'Is it ever right to fight?', which has involved links to English, History and Technology. To support their English Curriculum, they have explored the book 'Armistice Runner' by Tom Palmer and they were due to take part in a Skype interview with him yesterday which, unfortunately, had to be cancelled but has been re-arranged for next week. Earlier in the topic, they took part in a range of drama activities to try and simulate for the children what it was like to be in the trenches- something which received a lot of positive tweets, including one from Tom Palmer himself! In addition, using wood, papier mache and other materials, children have engaged in recreating model trenches which involved not only creative skills but wonderful collaborative skills. Well done to everyone on the creations!