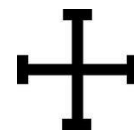




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CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Lighting the Path

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*Lighting the Path... Together: We Learn, We Share, We Pray, We Care
with Courage, Trust, Love and Hope*

This has been a week full of celebrations! On Monday we received the outcome of our recent SIAMS inspection which judged us to be an outstanding church school in all areas. The inspector was particularly impressed by our children's knowledge and the way in which they could explain how are school values underpin everything we do. It also highlighted the strong relationship between school and St Cross, the ongoing support of our governors and the importance of our Parent Voice group. Our next challenge will be to work on the targets from the inspection which are apparently designed to take us to beyond outstanding! We think we will leave looking at those until after Christmas!!

We have also been celebrating Christmas with our Infant Nativity production of "A Christmas Recipe", singing at the Buttercross with Year 5 and 6, our Key Stage 2 Carol Service, our whole school Christmas Dinner and a visit to our special Christmas grotto in Lockburn!

A Christmas Recipe performed by the Infants

The Infants performed their Nativity play to the whole school on Monday morning and then to a packed hall of parents and families on Tuesday and Wednesday. The children did extremely well with every single child going on stage to speak, sing or dance. Each performance was slightly different and they even changed the running order in one of them which all added to the charm! It was a really lovely way in which to think about Christmas and brought a smile to everyone's face!



Year 5 and 6 sing at the Buttercross

On Tuesday morning we somehow managed to dodge the showers and sang for half an hour at the Buttercross in Winchester. The children sang



confidently accompanied by our recorder group and performed a number of Christmas songs including Ding Dong Merrily on High in two parts. Many passers by stopped to listen and the children thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. Thank you to all the parents who came to support us and sang with us.

KS2 Christmas Carol Concert

On Thursday evening we held our annual Carol Service at St Cross. Every seat was taken as the lights were lowered for the children to parade around the church with tealights and lanterns ready to sing "One Thousand Christmas Lights". They then performed a poem entitled "A Christmas Lesson" by Tom Krause which is all about the meaning of Christmas. The children read their readings confidently at the lecterns. There was music from the school orchestra and the recorder groups as well as instrumental solos played by Lauren and Matthew. I was really proud of all of the children and felt that it was a special service.

Christmas at Lockburn

Each class went down to Lockburn in turn on Friday morning. They were met by Father Christmas and found that the area had been transformed with Christmas decorations and a magical



grotto filled with all sorts of exciting things! Everyone took part in a quiz to do with pictures of Christmas songs and Carols dotted around Lockburn and Father Christmas handed out biscuits which had been left

by the elves. Each class was presented with a special present which they took back to school to unwrap. In the afternoon a number of younger siblings went to visit the grotto as well. Father Christmas had been very busy preparing the area. I hope he has enough energy to deliver all of the presents next week!



Christmas Dinner for the Whole School!



Nearly every child had a Christmas dinner on the final lunchtime with crackers provided by the school association. The dinners were served to the children by staff and helping parents. The children



thoroughly enjoyed singing along to the Christmas songs and reading the terrible cracker jokes to anyone who would listen!

House Cup Winners of the Half Term

The number of achievement points gained by each House was very close this half term and the cup was only decided in the final week! Congratulations to all of the children in **Beaufort House** for working hard and for gaining the most House Points this half term! The non-uniform day prize for Beaufort children will be on Friday 6th January.



Outstanding Certificates for Autumn 2016

The certificates for Outstanding performance for the Autumn term have been awarded by the class teachers to children who have shown outstanding effort in learning number patterns and their times tables. Congratulations to the following children:

Year R: **Lucas**

Year 1: **Zoe**

Year 2: **Max**

Year 3: **Theo**

Year 4: **Aarica**

Year 5: **Sienna**

Year 6: **Matthew**

Attendance letters

In accordance with the attendance legislation, you will now have received a letter regarding the attendance of your child this term. The aim is for all children to have an attendance record of 97% or more unless they have a specific medical reason for absence. I am really pleased to report that 59 of our children have achieved 100% attendance this term which includes some of our very youngest children. The whole school attendance for this term is 98.3% which is an increase from this time last year. As high attendance and good progress are definitely linked this is very good news.

Christmas Dress-up day for Charity



Emma, asked if we could hold a Christmas dress day for charity on the last day of term to think of others less fortunate than ourselves This fits in very well with this term's theme of Compassion . Emma and the House Captains organised and judged a competition for Key Stage 2 for the best Christmas costume. The winner was Sam

for his reindeer outfit, with Megan as an elf second and Ben third with his home-made Christmas top. The winners were very pleased to receive chocolate bears provided by Flora. The day raised £118 for the local Joe Glover Trust which we are supporting this year. Well done to all those who helped to organise the day.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our families a very Happy Christmas and a very Happy New Year! Thank you so much for all of your support. I hope that you all have a lovely holiday and we look forward to seeing you in 2017! **Dawn James**

On Your Marks Sports to take over our Breakfast Club in January 2017

We are delighted that Marc and Andy, our resident sports coaches, are now running our Breakfast Club from January. They know all the children very well and will run a number of sports activities for the children before school and provide breakfast. The club is open to all children with a drop off from any time after 7.30am.

Message from The Parish of St. Faith at St. Cross

We wish you well in all your preparations for Christmas and warmly invite you to St Cross to celebrate this festive season

Sunday 18th December 5.30pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December 4.00pm

Children's Crib Service

Christmas Day Sunday 25th December

9.30am Sung Eucharist with Carols

Letters sent home this Week

Whole school : SIAMS Inspection Report

Whole school: Attendance

Please let the office know if you have not received this

Dates for your diary Spring term 2017

Tuesday 3rd January – Start of term

19th January – Young Voices concert at O2

20th – 24th February – Half term

14th and 16th March – Parent Evenings

7th April – End of term

Clubs for Spring Term 2017

Please sign up for clubs at the office. All clubs requiring payment must be paid for before the child can start the club.

Agility, Balance & Co-ordination (was Gymnastics) Club – On Your Marks Sports – Mondays 3.30-4.30 Years 2-4 Start date 9th January £48 per term to the school

Young Voices Club – Miss Whiteman- Tuesdays 3.30-5pm

3rd, 10th and 17th January **Musical Theatre Club** from 28th Feb

Netball Club – Mrs Landen –Mondays 3.30-4.30pm Years 5 and 6 Start date: 9th January

Football Club – Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm Infants £48 per term to the school Start date: 3rd January

Tri-Golf Club – Tuesdays 3.30-4.30 pm KS2 £48 per term to the school Start date: 3rd January

Karate Club – Wednesdays – Years 1-6 3.30-4.30pm pay direct to the club Start date: 11th January

Football Club – Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm Years 3-6 £48 per term to the school Start date: 4th January

Netball Club – Mrs Hodgkinson – Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm Years 3 and 4 Start date: 12th January

Orchestra – Mrs Harding -Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm Years 3-6 Start date: 12th January

Recorder Clubs and Cross Country Club will continue during school time.

Parking at Pick up time

We ask that you show consideration for our neighbours when picking up from school. We gather from residents that some people are parking for well over the allotted twenty minutes and that recently some people have kept engines running for as long as an hour. We have apologised and said that we would put a notice out to our parents. Please be aware of this next term. Thank you!