

Dear Parents

As we close for the Christmas break I would like to wish you all a very, very happy and peaceful Christmas and all the best you wish and need for a happy new year.

The second half of the autumn term is always so, so busy and we have certainly had quite a few highlights.

Our Church inspection which followed the Ofsted praised the nurturing atmosphere of the school which the staff work so hard to achieve and which is so strongly supported by parents and governors. We continued to have various sport tournaments at which our teams from various year groups did very well indeed. The Dance after school club ended with a mini production for parents, raising a few laughs with their version of 'Mamma Mia'. Year 3 competed in the Buckingham Music Festival held at the Royal Latin. Their drumming performance resulted in a Certificate of Merit.

And so to the run up to Christmas. Children in Need arrived and with the cakes donated and sold we raised an amazing £490.27. The Friends of School organised the Puppet Show, attended and enjoyed by nearly all the children. The choir sang at the Manor House Bazaar and received lots of praise from friends and neighbours. Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 performed "Michaelmas Mouse" and as always wowed us all, made us laugh and brought that little lump to the throat. We had a record number of friends and neighbours at the afternoon performance and a full house at both evening performances. All children had the opportunity to enjoy a Christmas lunch and the kitchen ladies produced a record number. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 presented a Candlelit Carol Service at St. Faith's in the evening. The church was filled to the rafters and I am sure we well and truly exceeded "capacity numbers". The week has finished off with class parties and now that we have exhausted ourselves and your children we are handing them over to you for the rest of the Christmas hype.

Can I just remind all parents that if your child is eligible for Free School meals and you sort this out with the office, you still have the choice of giving them packed lunches as and when you wish, but hopefully it may help somewhat to know that the dinners are there when you want them. Also the schools funding has an element of extra funding dependent on numbers of children registered for free meals. This is in addition to covering the cost of these meals.

Finally I really must thank you all for the continuous support you give your children and the school, which helps make learning and events so successful.

With the best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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