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*Be strong and
courageous.....for
the Lord your God is
with you*

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Newsletter No 5

Dear Parent/Carer

**Staffing –
Caretaker -Mr Bradley**

It is with sadness that I let you know that Mr Grant Bradley will be leaving us at the end of term to take up a new resident post at a school in Dorset. In the 8 years that he has worked with us, Mr Bradley has made a great contribution to school, he has a wealth of skills, is always willing to help out and turn his hand to whatever is asked. He will be very much missed but I am sure you join me and the staff in wishing him well at his new school. Good Luck Mr Bradley!

Learning Support Assistant

I am pleased to welcome Mrs Farzana Ali who will be mostly working in Key Stage 2 as a Learning support Assistant.

Christmas Advent

During Advent our Monday collective worship focus is on remembering that Advent is a time to prepare ourselves for Christmas. This doesn't just mean having parties, putting up decorations and buying presents, it means preparing our hearts for the message of Christmas.



We have created an Advent wreath to help us get ready, lighting a candle each week.

The first candle was lit on Monday 4th and it reminds us of:

The prophets - who predicted Jesus' coming, a special king who would be just and fair, and he would bring peace and love

Our prayer for the season of advent is:

Dear God,

Thank you for Christmas, the time when we celebrate the precious gift of your Son, Jesus.

Thank you for the peace he can bring to our hearts.

Please help us to use this season of Advent to prepare ourselves so that we can enjoy Christmas knowing that we are at peace with all those around us.

Amen.



Christmas Production – ‘I’m Gonna Shine’

Year 1 to 6

All the staff, led by Mrs Wells, worked so very hard and did a fantastic job preparing the actors and teaching the children all the songs and putting it all together. Mrs Wells was responsible for the musical arrangements, whilst Mr Burgin and Miss Collins worked with the actors and Mrs Allan and Mrs McGovern prepared props.

Thank you also, for all your support ensuring the children had the right costumes and for helping the children learn their lines and songs. The children looked fantastic and they performed so well. I am sure you will agree that it was a pleasure to see how much they were all enjoying themselves.

I am now really looking forward to the Reception class Nativity on 14th December.

Whole School Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 6 December

The whole school gathered for ‘Christmas Dinner’ on Wednesday and a wonderful Christmas atmosphere was created in the hall. There were carols playing, table clothes and crackers on the table. We all prayed together and offered our thanks to God for our food, then all the staff got involved and served the children.

Christmas Fayre



We all enjoyed the Christmas Fayre and it was wonderful to see so many of the school community come together – children, family, staff all contributing to the lovely atmosphere and so much to do and see. I know Santa was especially busy and the school was bursting with visitors.

As always, I would like to say an enormous thank you to all of the ‘The Friends’ who organised and prepared the whole event. I am sure you will all agree that events such as these, where so many ex-pupils return, remind us what a wonderful community our school is. Thank you also to everyone who helped on the day and to those of you who came along to support the school.

I have received the following message from Lucy Hayward and Hanna Russell who led the Friends in organising this and I would like to share it with you:

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas Fayre - from helping on stalls to donating tombola prizes. It was lovely to see so many of you on the day and together we raised an amazing £1,445.50! Plus an extra £104.50 was taken on the book stall for PGL. Thank you for all your support with fundraising this year and we hope you have a lovely Christmas break.

Lucy & Hanna

Carol Service – Thursday 07 December - 2.00 pm– All Saints Church

On Thursday afternoon, the whole school walked to ‘All Saints Church’ for an end of term celebration of lessons and carols. It really was a lovely afternoon, the orchestra, made up of children, parents, peripatetic staff and school staff played beautifully and were very impressive.



We have had a number of fund-raising events and would like to thank you for supporting them so generously:

Poppy Sale – The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who took part and raised a super total of **£193.42**.

End of Term

As we approach the last week of term, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy, healthy Christmas and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Friday 5th January. Thursday 4th January is a staff training day.

Term ends on Friday 15th December at 1.30pm.

A few date reminders

- Wednesday 13 December Infant and Junior Christmas Parties
- Thursday 14 December Year R Nativity to Parents
- Friday 15 December End of Term.1.30 pm
- Thursday 4 January Staff Training Day
- Friday 5 January Start of Spring Term 8.45 am
- Thursday 11 January Wonderdome Visit to School Year R and Y5 (TBC)
- Tuesday 16 January Whole School Blessing
- Tuesday 16 January Cake Sale Year 1,2,4 and 6
- Friday 26 January Windsor Castle Trip Y4
- Friday 26 January Class Assembly Y2

Yours sincerely,

Celine Hawkins
Headteacher

