



THE BATT C.E. SCHOOL

THE BATT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers

Carols by Candlelight

Congratulations to both our choirs for leading our Carols by Candlelight so well on Tuesday evening. The church looked beautiful with all the Christmas trees lit up and the children's singing created a magical atmosphere. Thank you very much for coming, I hope you enjoyed it. The retiring collection and refreshments raised £225 for the Church Restoration Fund and the charity Crisis at Christmas. I would like to thank Mrs Payne, Miss Cooper and Mrs Webster for preparing the choirs so well, and the members of staff that helped on the night.

Christmas Lunch

I would like to say a big Thankyou to our cooks, Michelle, Trudie and Michelle, for preparing and cooking an excellent Christmas lunch on Wednesday. Catering for over 300 children and approximately 40 adults is no mean feat and I would like to congratulate them on the quality of the lunch. I hope the children enjoyed it too.

Infant Nativity Collection

Infant parents will know that we had a collection at the end of the Nativity performances for Motor Neurone and Cancer Research. I am really pleased to say that these collections raised an impressive £287.62. Thank you.

Football Semi-Final

Our football team played in the semi-final of the Witney Schools' League on Tuesday at The Blake School and unfortunately, despite a strong performance, lost 4-1. Well played and bad luck!

Homeless Oxfordshire

I was so pleased when Phoebe in Year Six approached me about raising money for Homeless Oxfordshire by asking parents to make a donation rather than buying gifts for staff. It was such a good idea and received widespread support from parents and staff alike. I know Phoebe has worked incredibly hard making the cards to thank everyone for donations and I am thrilled to say that she has raised an incredible £660 for the charity. We will also be adding the collection from today's Christmas Service to the money already raised. Congratulations Phoebe!

Year Five Tudor Presentation

Well done to our Year Five classes for performing their Tudor music, plays and dances on Monday. I would like to congratulate the children on their excellent and varied Tudor projects. They have been so clever in the ways they have presented their knowledge and work. Thank you also to the parents for your support at home with these projects, they are truly impressive.



Menu Change

Following feedback from the children, the meal choice on a Tuesday in week three of the School Lunch Menu is changing from Mild Beef Curry with Rice to Beef Lasagne.

Next Term

There is an INSET (staff training) day on Monday 7th January and therefore the school is closed to pupils. We re-open on Tuesday 8th January.

I hope you have enjoyed the many Christmas events this month. So much time and hard work go into organising these occasions and I would like to thank all the staff for going out of their way to plan and prepare these additional opportunities for our children. I hope you have a restful and enjoyable Christmas holiday.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

Yours sincerely

Mr Chris Payne
Headteacher

