



# Newsletter

15th December 2017

## Dates for your diary

Monday 18th December: Class Christmas Parties.

Children are invited to dress like an elf or wear a Christmas jumper on this day. (Bring £1 to school for Above & Beyond)

Tuesday 19th December: School trip to Pantomime. Last day of term.

Please do not send children to school with book bags on the last day of term.

Your child is welcome to bring one small packet of sweets and a disposable carton of drink to the pantomime. This, along with their coat, is all they will take with them.

Reception and Year 1 & 2 will not be back in school until approximately 1.00pm and will therefore need a packed lunch.

For Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 the coach will return to school at approximately 5.00pm and children will gather in the school hall before being dismissed on sight of their parent/carer.

If you were unable to purchase your child's Christmas ornament at the Fayre last week then don't worry, it's not too late, they will be in the school office until the end of term.

## **BROWNIES**

If anyone has a daughter who is age 7 or in year 2 and thinks they might be interested in joining us on a Monday night, we have spaces. Perhaps they could e mail me on [carolembrown@hotmail.com](mailto:carolembrown@hotmail.com).



Saturday 16th December  
18:00 - Carols by Candle-light, St Bartholomew's Church, Failand

Sunday 17th December 16:30 - Family Carol Service, All Saints' Church, Wraxall

Sunday 24th December 15:00 - Crib Service, All Saints' Church, Wraxall

Monday 25th December 10:00 - All Together In Church (ATIC) with Communion, All Saints' Church, Wraxall

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Nearly there, nearly there. Just two more days and we can officially down tools and begin merry making. In a funny way, I am almost (and I stress the word *almost*) looking forward to Monday and Tuesday. We have some lovely things coming up: Christmas parties, Christmas jumpers/ dress like an elf and panto visits. It should be a lovely couple of days.

It will come as no surprise to anyone that the main thrust of the week has, undoubtedly, been our Christmas production. With the way things have fallen this year, we have only been able to practise in the church this week, which has meant that things have been a little... tight. Normally, we are a wee bit stressed about whether it will all come together in time and we have two weeks of church rehearsals. Three days? Well, that certainly puts hairs on your chest.

There is nothing quite like our church, at night with our children singing their little hearts out. You should have seen how excited they all were, waiting in the Cross Tree Centre, desperate to do their bit. Even Beth's stony heart starts to thaw at moments like this.

The children were magnificent and should be incredibly proud of themselves. Not only did some of them have an awful lot of words to learn (often the lines are designed to be amusing which is quite hard to pull off when you are 9 years old) but the songs were far more complex this year, requiring all sorts of melodies, echoes and other musical terms which I do not understand. I have to say, Year 1/2 with their *sheep shimmy* was a particular highlight as was Sophia's liberal cheering of the wise men. Lovely stuff.

Before I forget, a very big 'Thank you' to all the staff and members of the community who have made this possible. As you can well imagine, these things do not just happen magically – an awful lot of people have worked incredibly hard to produce something this polished, from Mrs Brierley and Mr Khanna leading the music; to Mrs Hayward, Mrs Harris and Miss Madge who ensured their children were word perfect; Lisa painting the wonderful backdrop and all the assistants who have stapled ears or brought in tea towels.

In all honesty, I am not sure that productivity was at its absolute peak on Thursday. Everyone was a smidge on the tired side. Poor old Mrs Brierley actually fell asleep during the register and Mrs H turned up in her jimjams.

Our Stars of the Week are Sienna in Reception, the whole of Year 1/2, Martha & Sophia in Year 3/4 and Aaron & Sophia in Year 5/6. What a great way to round off the year. The house with the most conduct marks this term was Griffin who can now wear their own clothes on the first day back after the holidays. The house with the most work marks was Griffins. Sophie & Holly were awarded their bronze badges, congratulations.

Have a lovely weekend and Christmas. Play safely and take care. Mrs T is out both Friday and Saturday night this week – Christmas has come early!

Mr Tucker