

Today two special members of the Wraxall School family moved on to pastures new today. We Wish them both well and have many fond memories of their time with us. Thank you all for your generosity and kindness in contributing to their gifts. Please see attached the photos of Ben and Beth's presents which were accompanied by gift vouchers.

Wishing you and your families a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Dates

Monday 7th January 2019 - First day of term

Wednesday 9th January 2019 - Year 5/6 Life Skills trip to the Create Centre

Final Photos

We managed to take some photographs of Ben with the children for keepsakes which will be made available in the New year. We'll let you know how to get a copy if you want one.

Parentpay

There are still outstanding payments on Parentpay. Please can we ask that everyone checks their accounts and ensures that accounts are actioned accordingly. Thank you.

Lost Property

If you have lost a black coat that is branded Nutmeg or acquired a white polo top with the school crest on it that doesn't belong to your child please contact the school office. Thank you.

Ninja Bands

Is anyone has any Ninja bands at home, especially the white ones please can you bring them into school in the New Year.

Church News

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

Monday 24th December 21:00 - Christmas Eve Communion, St Bartholomew's Church, Failand

Monday 24th December 23:00 - Christmas Eve Communion, All Saints' Church, Wraxall

Tuesday 25th December 10.00 - Christmas Day Family Communion, All Saints' Church, Wraxall

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a funny little week but a rather enjoyable one. All the trips up to church for rehearsals and what-not have been very good for my step count (which is just as well when you consider the volume of goodies currently in the staffroom). Beth announced, very early on, that this week would be far too emotional for her and she could not possibly do any work. To be honest, she normally does so much, it is a miracle that we have managed to cope. (?) You do not realise just how many cups of tea she makes until you have to do it yourself.

Three weeks of hard work came together on Tuesday when the children performed their Christmas Production. Just a few days before, there was that slightly glazed, manic look in Mrs Brierley's and Mr Khanna's eyes whenever you asked them how it was going. Lots of mutterings along the lines of, 'I'm sure it will be fine' and 'It's better than it was,' were said with a sort of fixed grin across their faces. They need not have worried: the children were magnificent. Even to a tone-deaf Philistine like myself, one could just tell that the singing was exceptional. How some of them had the courage to stand up and perform solos or sing in small groups, is totally beyond me. The children deserve a huge amount of credit for making this one of the best productions I can remember but it would not have happened without the staff cajoling, supporting and occasionally threatening (!) them into believing it could be even better. Thank you also to Sophie Eloise for choreographing the dances; Mrs Baker for her help with the singing and to Lisa who produced that incredible backdrop. A real group effort.

The next day, tired bodies were rewarded with trips to the pantomime. Reception went to the Tobacco Factory to See Beasty Baby, while the rest of the school headed down to Weston to see Snow White. After the last 24 hours, this was just what the doctor ordered and the children loved it. The Weston production was really top notch, with confetti cannons, shaving foam snow, indoor fireworks and even 3D forests which reached out to grab you (Mr Khanna absolutely did not spend the entire performance zipping back and forwards finding replacement 3D glasses for all those who constantly lost theirs). As Yaz put it, 'They got the humour just right as there was something for all ages.' It

was a little embarrassing when Miss Madge fell asleep during the second act and began to snore but that was the only downside.

For the last time this year, our Stars of the Week are Fergus & Tom in Reception, Harley & Jamie in year 1/2, Sienna & Otis in year 3/4 and Frankie & Theo in year 5/6. A fabulous way to round things off.

Thursday's church service was an absolute delight; I cannot tell you how touched Beth and I were by the whole experience. This is such a special school filled with many special people. It has been an absolute pleasure and a privilege to have been here and we will miss everyone so very much. There are very few people who look forward to going into work each day and we have been fortunate to fall into that camp. Thank you so much for all of our lovely gifts. As one parent observed, 'I bet the wedding pictures come down and the rugby top goes up instead.' Well, there is an outside chance, yes.

Have a lovey holiday. Play safely and take care. Have a wonderful 2019 and I hope I bump into you all soon. (Drops mic and walks out of building with a tear in his eye).

Mr Tucker