



Forward March!

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*With God's help
we will
live kindly,
love each other,
learn and
laugh together!*



Dear Families of The March CE Primary,

This term seems to have gone as fast as Santa's sleigh on Christmas Eve. As well as many exciting and focussed learning experiences this month, we have had many enjoyable festive events. A Christmas lunch was served to over 150 children with tables laid with crackers for all supported by all the staff and Bryony's great team from the kitchen.



Christmas Fair

The Christmas fair was once again a very enjoyable event and well attended event. We were so pleased to be joined by Father Christmas who read us wonderful stories in the grotto. A huge thank you to the 'March family Events Team', parent helpers and staff who worked tirelessly to ensure that this was such a success for all. We had many stalls, craft stalls, wreath making, our amazing raffle prizes and lots of yummy cakes and drinks. We all appreciate the support given to the Christmas fair when it is a busy time of year; but it was wonderful to see the community at school coming together to support the children at these events.





Nativity

The EYFS and KS1 Nativity performances were wonderful. Parents, children and staff all thoroughly enjoyed watching this. The singing, acting and dancing were amazing with the children looking great in all their costumes. It really helped to deliver the true meaning of Christmas and we are very proud of all the children that took part. A special well done to Jenny and Bea who covered other peoples lines too! DVD's are on sale in the Office priced at £4.00.

Christingle

The Christingle this year was lovely, with the children singing so well. It is always lovely to have our service at St Peters and with all the candles alight this was a truly special occasion. Christingle celebrations are named after the Christingles that are lit during the service. Christingles are made from an orange decorated with red tape, sweets and a candle.



The symbolism of Christingle

Each piece of the Christingle holds special symbolism to help children understand the importance of Jesus and the Gospel, and its relevance at Christmas time.

- The orange represents the world
- The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ
- The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations
- The lit candle represents Jesus' light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.

Service of light at St Andrews Church

Year 6 led the service of light this year at St Andrews Church reading from the Bible and performing dramatisation of the Nativity story. The children

processed with lanterns supported by Mrs Lee and Mrs Swindells on the piano. It was a lovely service reflecting back on why we celebrate Christmas. This is the last Nativity that these children will perform at The March! There were great comments from the Church wardens about how fluent the children read with such wonderful expression. Some children had learnt their lines by heart. Well done Year 6! What a lovely way to begin Christmas.



School Choir

The school choir has been busily learning new songs this term under the direction of Mrs Swindells. They have been entertaining us with their wonderful song choices and lovely voices. The two nursing homes in Westhampnett and the Christmas Fair are some of the events that the children have and will attend and we are very proud of the performances. Well done children, we look forward to you learning many more songs next term!!

I am sure that you would like to join with me in thanking all of the staff and Governors at The March CE Primary School for their continued tremendous hard work and commitment to the pupils of the school during the year.

On behalf of everybody at the March, we wish you, your family and the pupils a peaceful Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.

Merry Christmas
Mrs Metcalfe



Thanks for taking the time to read this fortnight's newsletter. If you would like to discuss any items from the newsletter in more detail, please do not hesitate to come and see me, my door is always 'Open'.

Mrs Nicky Metcalfe

Head Teacher