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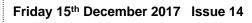












# FS and KS1 A King is born

What a wonderful week of performances it has been! The FS and KS1 children set the tone with their nativity 'A King is born!' on Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon. The children looked great in their costumes, sang really well and told through their acting and narrations, their version of the Christmas story. Thank you, FS and KS1! Thanks also to the PLT for meeting and greeting and to FOMBS for providing refreshments.

### **KS2 Carol Service**

Thank you to all our KS2 children for a wonderful Carol Service. Despite not being able to use the church due to the icy conditions, it didn't seem to affect the standard of the performance! Not only is this a great way for the children to showcase their talents, but also a way to get us all in the Christmas spirit. We hope the children's singing, readings, and even dancing have set your Christmas off to a fabulous start! Again, thanks to the PLT for meeting and greeting and to FOMBS for providing refreshments.

#### Message from the Headteacher

Monday was an exciting day - and we made the most of all the snow at school with snow poetry, snow maths and snowman building competitions. Thank you for all the messages of support regarding keeping the school open and for walking your children safely up to school. Particular thanks to the staff who were able to walk to school so that we could open as usual and to those parents who helped me clear the school site. I couldn't have done it without you all! Also, thanks to Mr Szortowski, a headteacher in Oxford, who had to close his own school but came in to help us! We had over 100 children in school, which was great to see.

Thank you to all the parents who have taken down any inappropriate references to school staff from social media and for meeting/discussing this with me. We all want our school and its community to thrive and if parents have an individual complaint to make, there is a clear and appropriate complaints procedure to follow which does not involve going through social media. Thank you for all the much appreciated messages of support received by myself and the staff concerned about this...

## Road safety competition winner

Last month many of our children entered the Oxfordshire road safety competition. designing a poster to promote this. We were delighted to learn that George Belcher in Year 5 was one of the 8 county winners and has won.... a bike!! This was presented in assembly on Monday.

Christmas parties

Just a reminder that on Monday 18th December each class will be having a party in the afternoon and on that day the children are welcome to come to school in their party clothes (although sensible footwear for playtimes is helpful). In addition, a small donation of the following food will be gratefully received for a party tea (lunches will run as usual):

Acorns: Chopped up fruit

Chestnuts: Squash, juices (no fizzy drinks

please)

Sycamores: Savoury snacks

Maples: Biscuits

Willows: Savoury snacks

Oaks: Pack of paper plates or cups Please can we all ensure that none of the above products contain nuts. Thank you in diance. We will also ensure that all dietament

requirements are catered for

Early finish

Just a reminder that we are break up for Christmas at the earlier time of 2pm on Tuesday 19th December.

# **Newsletter update**

There will still be one final newsletter to come on Tuesday, the last day of term.

<u>School meal changes</u> For the final two days of term, Monday will be pizza as usual and then Tuesday will be fish and chips or veggie hotdog and chips. For the beginning of next term the menu will be pizza on 4th January and Sausages or veggie sausages on 5th

#### **Pantomime**

It was lovely to see the children enjoying a touring company's version of Aladdin this morning. Particular thanks go to Becky Bishop for providing cakes for the children to have during the interval. If you haven't yet brought in the 50p for the cake, you can do so on Monday – thank you.

Just a reminder that the choir will be singing on Sunday 17th December at Singing on Sunaay 17" December at 4pm.

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The Christmas Fayre raised £597.15, the Christmas Hamper £172.72 and the nativity drinks £128.18 - all increases on last year's figures. Raffle winners are: Child: Lachie Ingram Thank you everybody!