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*Following the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another  
to be the best we can be.*

Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy but wonderful week the children have had. Three Christmas performances, A Santa dash, Choir singing, and Christmas preparations have been carried off without a hitch.



### Nativities

Thank you to all who attended the junior nativity on Tuesday night and the infant nativities on Wednesday and Thursday. Your kind donations from tickets sales and donations raised **£ 800** and this will be split between Lymphoma Action, SVP and school.

I think you will all agree that they were wonderful performances. We are very proud of the children and the effort that has gone in to arranging and performing this from the children, staff and volunteers who have been involved.

Our Pupil Chaplains performance of their Choreographed Prayer 'Noel' was also truly beautiful and very moving.

Thank you for all of the positive comments received. The staff really value your positive feedback. Well done to our children for sharing the true meaning of Christmas with us in their own very special way.

### PTA News

Thank you for all your support for the Christmas Fair on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. From the looks of it a lovely time was had by all, and we raised an amazing **£569** for school. As detailed in the previous newsletter this money will be going towards new Blinds, Recorders, and the Y1 Outdoor Area. We thank the staff and volunteers and also thank you for all your support including coming along to join in, baking cakes, and contributing Secret Santa/Tombola Presents, as well as running/organising stalls and helping to set up/clear up, especially when it was in your own time.



We also drew winning tickets for the Raffle before the KS1 Nativity on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>, with 5 lovely prizes including the main Hamper which was won by the Joyce family - congratulations we hope you enjoy it!!!

The SSMJ PTA wish you all a very merry Christmas and enjoyable holiday. Looking forward to seeing you all next year for more frolics and fundraising.'

A special thank you goes to the members of the PTA. They have done a fantastic job throughout the year and especially working towards the setting up of the fair. A lot of their own time and effort goes in to arranging this event and as a school and I'm sure, as parents, we all appreciate everything they have done. Please help to support this wonderful (but small) team. This can be done by way of volunteering your time at events or putting forward fundraising ideas.



### **Christmas Dinner Day**

Wednesday is Christmas Dinner Day. The children may also wear a Christmas jumper alongside the remainder of their usual school uniform if they wish. Please do not go to any expense - tinsel on their school jumper can be just as 'Christmassy'. Please ensure you have ordered this lunch if your child is in the juniors and doesn't normally have a lunch on Wednesday.

### **Infant Christmas Party**

This is on Monday. The children can come in their party clothes for this day. Please ensure they have warm /suitable clothing and footwear as they will play outside at breaktimes.

### **The Junior Party**

This is on Tuesday. Children can come in their party clothes for this day.

### **Music Concert**

Please come along to the music concert on Wednesday at 9.05am. As always Mr lee. Mr Hacking and the children who play an instrument will be putting on a wonderful performance.



### **After school choir**

If you wish your child to join choir/continue please sign up via school or Mrs Lambert on [ssmjchoir@gmail.com](mailto:ssmjchoir@gmail.com). First session starts afterschool January 17<sup>th</sup>. This will be a 10 week course costing £20 per child.

### **Halford's Bike Scheme**

Halfords have a new resource for parents and their children who have undertaken Bikeability training. The [Participants Hub](#) is a webpage offering advice and information as well as discount offers aimed at supporting families to continue cycling together. [The Bikeability Trust](#) has developed this initial page and will be continuing to add new information, guidance and offers on a regular basis..



## Toast

As from January we will be reverting back to children paying for toast every Wednesday. Please send in 20p if you wish your child to have toast. Unfortunately, we cannot give toast out unless they have the money. For reception children, this can be handed to the teacher.



## Dates for your Diary

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - LAST FOOTBALL & ART CLUB

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - **NO ASSEMBLY**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Reports go home

Year 6 Britain's Got Talent day - please refer to text sent

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - KS1 Christmas Party

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Netball Oakhill 4.00pm

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Artyfacts production of Oliver Twist in school

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Christmas Party (PM)

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> - Music concert 9.05am

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> - Christmas dinner and jumper day.

**Thursday - SCHOOL CLOSSES 2.15PM**

Please inform any Grandparents/childminders/ friends of the early finish. Any uncollected children will need to go to Sunflowers and this will incur a charge.