



December Newsletter

Thank you to everyone who came to watch the children perform on Tuesday in their Christmas plays. They were all fabulous; it really does feel like Christmas in school now. Christmas Dinner on Wednesday was another lovely occasion, thank you to everyone who joined us and thank you to the amazing kitchen staff who served 140 lunches!

We all had a brilliant time last Friday at Derby Arena to watch Peter Pan. Many people commented that it was one of the best they had seen.

On Monday after school children who have been attending Kimberly's dance class performed for parents. It was wonderful to see such talent and enthusiasm.

PTFA

We must say a huge thank you to our PTFA. They have been extremely busy during the last few weeks. The Christmas Fayre was a roaring success and raised £823 for school funds. It was lovely to see so many children with their family and friends supporting this event. The children enjoyed taking part in the Secret Santa last week and this has raised an additional £120.

I am delighted to tell you that as a result of recent fund raising the PTFA have paid for our new electronic screen and projector in the hall which is being used alongside our new sound system. In addition they also paid for everyone to have ice creams in the interval at the pantomime. It has been lovely to be able to enhance what we provide for the children whilst at the same time enjoying these fund raising events.

Christmas Party

This will take place tomorrow **Thursday 19th December** in the afternoon. Children can bring in party clothes to change into after lunch. Donations of party food is greatly appreciated. If your surname begins with the letters **A – M** please send in savoury snacks (**no sandwiches or nuts**) for surnames **N – Z** cakes and biscuits. Children will go home at the normal time. Thank you!

Christingle Service

The Christingle Service is in St Giles Church at 2.45pm on **Friday 20th December** and following the service children will go home from the church. If you cannot make the service please collect your children from church at 3.15pm.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ON FRIDAY

New Staff

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Bradshaw to Class 3 who is supporting children in years 3 and 4.

Parking

Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting us in keeping the area around school a safer place for our children. It really has made a difference.

Communication

Please ensure you keep us up to date if you change your home address, email contact or mobile telephone number. It is vital that we can contact you in the event that your child is ill during the school day. Please ensure we have more than one telephone contact. All letters are sent home with the eldest child and by email. We also put them on the school website. If you need reminders of letters or events please use the website in the first instance.

Calendar Dates

Thursday 19th December – Christmas Party

Friday 20th December -Christingle Service 2.45pm, St Giles Church.

If you are not coming to the service please collect your children from church at 3.15pm

Monday 6th January – Back to school

Thursday 16th January – Class 3 to Creswell Craggs (Letter to follow)

On behalf of all staff in school I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.