



Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Well, what a week! Monday seems like a month ago at least! The children have been complete super stars this week and we are very proud of all of them.

KS1 – Children of the World

The boys and girls in Y1 and Y2 were fabulous in their three performances (four if you include the one performed to the rest of the school). They sang and danced beautifully and performed with confidence and a suitable amount of sparkle! George has sent me a couple of preview photos already and those of you who have ordered the DVD and photo discs will not be disappointed. The children worked so hard and all say that they really enjoyed putting on the show. Thank you to all the parents for your help with costumes and support in ensuring that the children were here to perform. It is much appreciated by us all.

Fledglings - Wriggly Nativity

Fledglings are getting ready to perform for their mums and dads this afternoon. They too have worked really hard and the school enjoyed a brilliant performance yesterday afternoon. You are all in for a treat! 2.00pm start with KS2 gate opening at 1.50pm.

KS2 - Carol Concert

The KS2 children have also been working hard, learning carols and words off by heart for their traditional evening performance of songs and carols at St Edward's Church on Monday night at 6.00pm. The children will need to be dropped off at the church on Monday morning for their rehearsal - staff will be there from 8.30am. Please make sure that they have a

packed lunch and plenty of water. All hair that touches the shoulders must be securely tied back for both the rehearsal and the performance. You will be able to collect them from 2.45pm and they will then need to be back at the church for 5.30pm. The Carol Concert will begin promptly at 6.00pm. All are welcome but, if you do not intend to stay, please make sure that you return to collect your child promptly at 7.00pm.

At the end of the Carol Concert there will be a retiring collection to raise funds for the Windsor Group 128 of HCPT, the Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust, who take children on pilgrimage to Lourdes at Easter. You can find out more about them at:

<https://www.hcpt.org.uk/>

Christmas Bazaar

I have just received notification that the Friends made an incredible **£5,100** at the Christmas Bazaar. Amazing!!! Thank you so much to those who worked so hard to put on this event and to all of you who came and spent your cash.

Panto

We are all looking forward to seeing Beauty and the Beast at South Hill Park on Wednesday next week – don't forget, the children must wear their school uniform but can wear their Christmas Jumper in return for a minimum £1 donation for Save the Children. We will be back in time for a slightly late school lunch – pizzas on the menu!

I understand that the Governors have written to those of you who are taking your children away before the end of term and will therefore not be attending the



Panto, to pay for your child's ticket. If you haven't already done this, please do so before the end of term – the school budget cannot afford to subsidise tickets, purchased in good faith, because you are going on holiday and it does not seem fair to ask the rest of the school community to cover this cost.

Mass

Canon David will celebrate the end of term with Mass for the whole school at 9.00am on Thursday 21st December. All parents are welcome to attend. This will be followed by a playtime for the children and then the iRock Assembly at 10.30am.

End of Term

Term will finish at 2.00pm on Thursday 21st December. There will be no Cuckoo Club on this day and all children must be collected at 2.00pm.

Not long to go now! 😊

Best Wishes

Sarah Matthews
Headteacher