



# NEWSLETTER

December 2018



## Christmas Performances

The children performed beautifully at our Nativity services at St Margaret's church.

On both occasions the church was full to the brim, making it a wonderful celebration.

A big 'well done' to all the pupils and staff and thanks to Reverend Helen and church wardens.

## FOLS Christmas Fayre

£1000 raised!

Thank you to parents and staff who were involved in making the fayre a success this year. It is always a lot of effort to put it all together, as well as organise and run things on the night.

To everyone who donated items and attended, and to Mr Anthony Thomas for donating the Christmas Tree- and of course to Santa for paying a visit- thank you!

Thank you also to pupils from the Eco Team and School Council who created the crafts and games activities.

Well done to the children who won the prizes in the games, Heidi (Scoop the Reindeer Poop), Francesca (Name the Snow Leopard), Chloe (Finding Angel Gabriel), Tabitha (Drawing Rudolf) with Bonnie a former pupil as runner up.

## Save the Children

Our collections at the church services and for Christmas Jumper day have raised a total of £276 for the Save the Children charity.

Thank you all for your generosity.

## Garlic Theatre show

Garlic Theatre performed their show 'Little Red Robin Hood' as a Christmas treat for the children on Monday. A great time was had by all... although the wolf was a bit scary!

## Christingle Display

The children have enjoyed making a Christingle each at school with Reverend Helen on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Christingle.

A collection of photos and children's work is on display at St Margaret's church.

## Children's learning

For those of you who were able to join your child for the Explorer Cafés this term, we hope you found them helpful in learning about reading and sharing stories and how you can support at home. We have had many positive comments, and it has been super to see just about every child with their visitor sharing in learning together. We look forward to seeing you next term.

## Termly Report

You will have received your child's Autumn Term Achievement Report for your child, sent home last Wednesday. This is to give you a summary of how well your child is achieving and what they need to do to improve. We find that with the right help from home too, children make faster progress. Our pupils are already commenting on this, and many are keen to do extra at home through practising. Your child's report will have some suggestions for what you can do - most children benefit from sharing stories and reading with or to an adult regularly.

**Results** School Results for 2017-18 have just been published. We have some strong attainment and progress across the school, with much of our achievement being in line with or above national outcomes, such as in Phonics, Maths, Grammar & Spelling and Reading for our younger children.

We have continued to improve maths in the tests at the end of Year 6, and Year 6 pupils performed well in Grammar and Spelling, improving the school results for the end of Key Stage 2 this year. Where we are continuing to focus on is improving reading and vocabulary as, overall, our pupils performed less well in the Year 6 reading comprehension test than predicted at the end of Key Stage 2.

## Our Values

Next half term we will be learning about Courage. Children will be learning about courage as overcoming fear, facing a challenge, stepping out of your 'comfort zone' encouraging others.

In celebrating the Christian calendar, we will focus on the season of Epiphany, and how the wise men travelled a long and difficult journey to find Jesus. Later in the term, we will find out about Lent and Easter



### 100% ATTENDANCE!

We have 43 children with 100% attendance this term ...  
FANTASTIC and WELL DONE to all of those children!



The Mousekateers have visited all the classes this term!

### Team Points Award

This term's winners are the... Swans.

Well done, they had the most team points this term.

### Library Competition

Congratulations to Joel for winning the Story Writing competition- he wins a £10 book token.

Congratulations to Holly S for winning the Disney villain competition- she wins a lovely Dorling Kindersley Disney book.

Once again, there were some super entries, and special mentions must go to MCKenzie and Oscar R for their characters; Joe C as the youngest pupil to enter the writing competition so far; To Evie, Tara, Toby and Anna for their story entries.

All these pupils receive a highly commended certificate.



**Outdoor Play and PE.** We want to be able to offer children the opportunity to play on the field at this time of year. If your child can bring a pair of (clearly named) wellies to change into, then they will be permitted onto the field.

Unless it is raining, or the weather particularly adverse we usually try and have playtime, PE and sports clubs outside. PE kit can get quite muddy if the class goes onto the field, so please be prepared for this. Please note, Cherry class pupils have PE and clubs indoors.

### Dates for your Diary

3 January – back to school

18- 22 February – Half term week. School reopens Monday 25 February

8 - 22 April – Easter holidays . School reopens Tuesday 23 April.

**Thank you for your continued support and partnership.**  
**We wish all our families a joyful and peaceful Christmas**

