

# Newsletter Christmas 2019



# **Nativity Service**

We enjoyed two really lovely services led by the children, with carols from around the world

Well done to everyone who took part!
The children were shining stars, and brought a sprinkling of joy and light to the day, reminding us what Christmas is all about...
Children of the world!

The church collection raised £150- thank you for the generous donations to the School Council's chosen charity- Cancer Research.

## **FOLS Christmas Fayre**

The village hall was very busy with Christmas festivity at the FOLS fayre recently. Huge thanks to all the organisers and helpers for all the efforts to make the event a success, and to all those who supported by donating prizes and selling gifts. A wonderful amount was raised ... around

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### **Library Competition**

Congratulations to Tobias (KS1) and Joel (KS2) for winning the Story Writing competition- they win a £10 book token.

Congratulations to Orla (KS1) and Oscar (KS2) for winning the drawing competition- winning a lovely book each, signed by the author.

Once again, there were some super entries, and special mentions must go to Brooke Ellen, Faye, McKenzie, Nancy and Tabitha. All these pupils receive a highly commended certificate.

Thankyou Mrs Mouland and Mrs Riches, volunteer librarians, for organising the competition and to FOLS for providing the prizes.

#### Results

Our results from the Statutory tests at KS2 (Year 6) have been published recently. Our work to improve reading progress by end of Year 6 has led to good improvement, and we continue to see year on year improvement in maths progress. School attainment is above national in reading and maths in both the expected standard and higher standard. In writing our school is in line with national, and in the Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling test (EGPS), our pupils did as well as pupils nationally, whilst more achieved the higher standard than national in this test.

#### **Autumn Term Pupil Reports**

Rather than send these out just before Christmas, you will receive your child's report at the start of the new term so that you can take a fresh look at how your child is achieving, their next steps and how you can help them get there. We find that with the right help from home too, children make faster progress.

#### Our Values

Next half term we will be learning about Perseverance. Children will be learning about perseverance as: persevering to achieve a goal; keeping going; journeys; not giving up in the face of challenges; 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.



#### **Team Points Award**

This term's winners are the Herons. Well done, they had the most team points this term.





## Attendance 100% ATTENDANCE!

We have 32 children with 100% attendance this term ... FANTASTIC and WELL DONE to all of those children!



Parking- there has been less congestion around the school gates recently- Thank you for your cooperation. At the start and end of the school day, this area has been clearer ...and safer.

#### RE Theme Day – Faith and Light

We had a super day of learning! All the children were mixed age groups taking part in different art and craft activities centred around Light in Christianity, Judaism and Hinduism. Children made wreaths, menorahs, candles, stained glass window, and diva lamps. It was lovely to see all the children working together on their tasks.









We wish all our families a joyful Christmas



We look forward to seeing you all again at the start of the new term at 8.55am on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January