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A Message from Mrs. Blicow...

Dear Parent/Carers,

At the end of our last full week together before the holidays begin, it has been another week of preparation and business, as the younger children performed their Nativity, 'A King is Born', while the older children polish off their performances for Carols Around The Tree next Monday.

Year 5 have also been to sing Carols at Nazareth House, while a multitude of children and parents joined Reverend Roger, the children from Kingsheath Primary, passers-by and residents, for Carols on the Square.

The Love Christmas Campaign came to an end, with just over 50 bags, filled with gifts, were collected by the organisers to be distributed to people in need in the Northampton area.

Thank you to everyone who made this such a successful campaign. And as if the week couldn't get any busier, Father Christmas made a fleeting visit to school on Friday afternoon, dropping off presents for all the children.

Can I please remind everyone that school will finish on Wednesday 20th December, at 3.15 and we return on Thursday 4th January at 0845.

As this is the last newsletter of the year, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Holy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Blicow



A King Is Born



On Wednesday, the school hall was filled with excited children, as they readied themselves to perform their annual, Christmas Nativity, to parents, friends and family. The children helped us relive the miraculous story of the birth of Jesus, the baby king. First, through the characters of bossy Caesar and his census-takers, the angels, and shepherds, we heard of the saviour's birth, before joining the kings on their journey as they followed the star, with wonder and awe, to the stable where He lay.)

Term Dates

KS2 Carols Around The Tree

Monday 18th December

2.00PM

Term Ends

Wednesday 20th December

3.15PM

Term Begins

Thursday 4th January 2024



With great performances and some sparkle, added courtesy of the twinkling stars in Reception, we were reminded of the true meaning of Christmas. Well done everyone.

(more photos on the school website.)

Carols on the Square



Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the annual, 'Carols on the Square' in Kingsheath. Organised by Rev. Roger, a regular visitor to the school, the children sang their hearts off and brought a bit of Christmas cheer on a dark and rainy evening.

A Real Song and Dance



Ella's musical theatre group, who rehearse in school on Thursdays before school, performed a medley of popular and seasonal Christmas songs, as they ran through some of their favourite routines from this term. Well done everyone, you were great.

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A Journey To The Manger



The children from Reception class, went on a very special journey this week as they went to visit our new stable scene. Built to house our large Nativity characters, it allows the children to get up close to the figures.

They were able to explain who each of the characters were and when asked where the baby Jesus was, the reply was,

"We're waiting. He's not been born yet."

Carols At Nazareth House



The children of Year 5 made an eagerly awaited return visit to Nazareth House on Tuesday, this time to entertain the residents with some Christmas Carols. They also took along with them, a Hamper of 'goodies' for the residents to enjoy over the festive period, purchased using money from our Christmas Jumper Day. Dates have already been booked in the diary for next year.

We Did It!



Hot off the press, we have just heard that we have been awarded our, Healthy School - Bronze Award. The organisation who runs the awards said, 'You have worked so hard to achieve this over the past year and it has been an absolute pleasure to support and work with you.' They also wanted to thank us for some of our fantastic examples of good practice, which they are going to share with other schools across the county in the hope they will adopt some of these practices in their own settings.

Our recent changes to the lunchtime routine have really helped with gaining this award and next term we will look at healthier lunches, as we strive to win our Silver Award.



KS2 Carols Around The Tree Monday 18th December at 2PM in the School Hall

Tickets available from the school office.



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An Unexpected Gift



This week, we had a visitor, who brought with him an unexpected gift. Mr. Hoggard, who was a governor at the school over 30 years ago, had in his youth, made this beautiful nativity scene, which he wanted to gift to the children of St. Mary's. The children have written to him to thank him for his kindness and to wish him a very blessed Christmas.

Love Christmas



The organisers of 'Love Christmas' Northampton picked up the gift bags this week. Our Christmas Jumper Day donations and items and bags given by our families, meant we were able to fill over fifty bags, which will be distributed to families in the Northampton area this Christmas. Thank you again for your continued generosity.

Father Christmas Caught On Camera



Father Christmas made a 'flying' visit on Friday afternoon to deliver gifts to all children at St. Mary's. Sleigh bells were heard in the corridor, although there was no sign of the man himself. Later however, a strange object was spotted in the sky above the school.



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