



We wish you a Merry Christmas...

Newsletter



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This has been a busy half term as usual and full of fun and creativity.

Earlier in the half term Miss Warner put on an amazing performance with her drama club. The role of Alice was taken on by 5 of our talented pupils and the cast was made up of pupils from Years 2 to 6 and they performed with great confidence. A huge thank you to Miss Warner who has worked so hard with the drama club as well as the choir. Her choir recently performed at St Mary's church for the Christmas fair and were due to perform at Community carols. Unfortunately the icy weather prevented us from joining, but I know many local families attended and really enjoyed it.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 made us all feel very Christmassy with their performance of The Angel who was always late. Staff, parents and carers all commented on how lovely it was to see all the year groups fully involved. Thank you to all of the staff. Miss Walker, Mr Wilson and Mrs McIvor worked incredibly hard to get all the children to learn their lines, songs and dances. I am always amazed at how well the children perform at such a young age.

There have been a number of trips and events this term and I am always thankful to the hard work the staff put in to organising these extra activities. They provide excellent learning experiences for the pupils as well as creating lasting memories. Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic trip out to the Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds this month to watch the panto Robin Hood. The children

enjoyed sitting in the boxes and were very excited to be travelling by coach in the dark! The pantomime was lots of fun and I was thrilled to be able to join them. I was very impressed by their behaviour.

Miss Anderson took year 5 to West Stow this month. This was a great way to finish their recent topic. I know they would have loved to go to a dragon tournament to fit in with their text How to train your dragon. Unfortunately the risk assessment for anything to do with dragons is rather problematic. But they really enjoyed West Stow and learnt a lot from the trip.

Year 6 have had a very busy half term. They attended two trips in one day! They visited the Cambridge Zoology museum in the morning and the Fitzwilliam museum in the afternoon. This helped them with their science work as well as their art topic of impressionism. They also had a visit from Mr Wilkinson who created the most amazing pop art with them. These have been mounted and I am sure they will take pride of place in their homes.

We have been very proud of how our Year 6 pupils have risen to the challenges of taking on roles of responsibility this year. This was demonstrated today when many pupils helped to deliver the Christmas service.

Mrs McIvor and her school councillors have worked very hard this term and have raised lots of money. They had a very successful raffle and the winners have been emailed. The movie evening was a highlight of the term and again the memory of staying at school at night will stay with them for a long time. (Anything dark is night to little ones!)

All money raised will go towards our current project. Following a pupil voice questionnaire organised by the school council it was identified that pupils wanted an improved quiet space to go to at lunch and play times. We put in for a grant and were awarded money to help start a project to re-develop the current quiet area into a sensory well-being garden. The children will be part of the planning process and we will be asking for parent volunteers nearer the time for planting etc.

Mr Bareham has attended a number of sporting events and the sporting calendar is very busy for the next two terms. He always tries to include as many pupils as he can in Years 5 and 6 and all Year 6 pupils have an opportunity to represent the school at some point over the year. He also organised visits from a cricket coach as well as an archery teacher this term, allowing some of our younger pupils to experience a new sport.

As you can see, staff all work very hard to make school as fun and interesting as possible. As I write this Mrs Taylor is currently dressed as a Christmas cracker setting up for the Reception class party. All staff in the school go above and beyond every day and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work and dedication.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our families a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Lorna Stranger
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