

We do hope you all enjoyed watching your child's Christmas performance this year. I am sure you will agree that the children and staff worked hard to put on some very good shows. Thank you for your support for the performances and your generous contributions to our school charities. Once we have added in the donations to Save the Children from our Christmas Jumper event tomorrow we will count how much we have made in total and let you know in the New Year.

As we come to the end of a very long and busy term I would like to thank the children and staff on your behalf for all their hard work this term. We have been delighted with the progress the children have made in many different areas of their learning. We have been grateful for your support of our various events from the Key Stage Two Great Exhibition to Parents' Evenings and our Story Share and Book Fair, as well as our VSA Bingo which raised an outstanding £878.00! We are also thankful to our many volunteers who have supported children with extra reading, phonics, spelling and maths as well as accompanying children on trips around our town. This term as well as receiving various reports about the school, our Governors have enjoyed coming in to meet with some of our children to look at their books and talk to them about their learning.

We are already planning lots of exciting opportunities for next term but before that we all intend to have a good holiday and enjoy the Christmas celebrations. May I wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year! We will see the children on Wednesday 4th January 2017.

2pm finish on the last day of term Friday 16th December: We will be going to Trinity church for our Christmas Assembly at 10am (this is just for children and school staff). In the afternoon we will be enjoying some whole school singing and Christmas activities. Children can be collected from 2pm.

Keeping your children safe with technology: Every year our technology team provide schools with advice for parents.

Advice taken from the UK Safer Internet Centre: Gaming devices provide a variety of interesting activities and ways for young people to engage with their friends and families. However, it is important to be aware of what these devices can do and how you can talk with your child to help them to use this technology in safe and positive way. All modern gaming devices offer parental controls to help you manage how your child uses their device, but these do need to be set up in order for them to be operational. This link will help you adjust the settings for the most common gaming machines:

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology/gaming-devices>

Christmas Jumpers:

We are supporting this fundraising event for Save the Children which invites pupils and staff to wear a Christmas Jumper instead of uniform on Friday 16th December for a cash donation. Please support this worthy cause and join in this fun event ☺

Jackdaws Songbirds community singing group:

Please see overleaf for more information.

Everyone who ordered Christmas Cards should now have received them. If you have any issues with your order, please contact Art Projects for Schools (info@apfs.org.uk) directly given how close we are to the end of term. Whilst it hasn't been a smooth process this year, we would like to thank you for your continued support and patience as we tried to resolve the various issues with the supplier.



Dates for your Diary

Friday 16th December - Christmas Jumper mufti day and last day of term - school finishes at 2pm

Tuesday 3rd January 2017 - INSET day (school closed for children)

Wednesday 4th January 2017 - First day of Spring term

Friday 13th January - Voyager Class Cake Sale