



**OUR SCHOOL VALUES: RESPECT - UNDERSTANDING – PEACE – HONESTY – RESPONSIBILITY - TEAMWORK**

**19<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

What a lovely carol service we had on Thursday evening in the school hall. It was such a shame we could not have it in the church, but I'm sure you will agree that our staff decorated the hall very festively and the children rose to the occasion and sang, played and read beautifully.



### Nativity

Wow, what a fabulous big little performance! The children sang and acted brilliantly, with so much enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see. Thank you to the EYFS/KS1 staff who did a sterling job this year, Mrs Nash and her volunteers for the amazing scenery and props and last but not least Bellingdon Village Hall, who very kindly loaned us their chairs.

### Rocksteady Concert

Another afternoon of music, but this time a little rock! We definitely have some budding popstars in our midst. For further information please click on the following [Rocksteady link](#)



### The Great Fire of London

was re-enacted by Little Peppers during their last Forest School Session. They had been studying this fascinating piece of history in class, which culminated in them making little houses to be destroyed by fire. It was interesting and also educational for them to see how quickly fire spreads and how dangerous it can be.



### Chiltern League

Our netball team played brilliantly in all their matches this term. Miss Bovington was very impressed with their playing and teamwork in the finals last week. Next term's sport is tag rugby and the spaces are filling up quickly.



### It's behind you!

Another splendid pantomime this year, full of songs, dancing and some super funny characters. The younger children were spellbound. A great way to end the year!



### Reverse Advent

Many thanks for your overwhelming generosity in supporting our Reverse Advent Christmas Hampers. I believe every child donated to the hampers, which is absolutely marvellous. With your help, we created delicious, festive hampers. A huge thank you to Mr Shead for delivering the hampers to the following care homes this morning - Culwood, Chesham Bois Manor, Chesham Leys and White Hill House. I know that the Care Homes' staff and residents will be very grateful for the gifts.





### **A Special Visit**

Father Christmas made his annual visit to our school yesterday to deliver each class their presents. A very exciting morning!



### **Parking/driving outside school**

Another request to please be courteous to other drivers and our neighbours. Please try not to keep your engines running, unless absolutely necessary and, most importantly of all, please *do not turn around* in the school drive. Thank you

What a lead up to Christmas we have had. Amongst other things, last week saw our Rocksteady and Ukulele concerts, three Nativity performances, our Carol Service (complete with venue change) and our Christmas Market. This short week we have already had a visit from Santa, our Christmas Lunch, Readers' Tea and a Pantomime! It feels more important than ever to keep the magic of Christmas alive, more important than ever to look for the kindness and beauty in the world around us.

This Christmas I hope we can all find time to focus on the wonderful little acts of kindness that we see; to share Christmas stories, such as A Christmas Carol, where goodness was distributed to all mankind through the magic of The Ghost of Christmas Present; or find magic in nature, looking for the star in the East, looking at the moon, frost on the trees and maybe even the shape of a snowflake. Perhaps you were lucky enough to spot the Geminids meteor shower which filled our skies with pre-Christmas cheer last week.

***When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. Matthew 2 9:10***



Finally, have an absolutely superb Christmas break and a very Happy New Year. Enjoy seeing all your family and friends, but please remember to keep reading every day. I look forward to hearing all about your fun times when you return to school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024.