



Newsletter – Friday 20th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we are finally at the end of the Christmas term which is always action packed and eventful. It's amazing to realise that we are already a third of the way through the school year and our lovely new (now not so new) Year R have completed their first term at school. They and the several other children who have joined the school since September have been a welcome addition to the St John's community!

I always find this 'the most wonderful time of the year' for many reasons including;

The excitement and joy of the children as Christmas gets ever nearer – some of which I could directly feel with Year 1 who have been delightful this week with only 1 child asking "are we ever going to have 'choosing' when you are teaching us?" Ho Ho Ho!

The lovely nativity plays and the Carol Service which bring home the story of the first Christmas.

The hard work of the PTA who made the Christmas Fair such a success raising just over £3,642 towards the playground redevelopment

The dedication of the staff; many of whom have been unwell this term but have soldiered on – hopefully I have avoided any colds, chest infections or sickness; unless they are waiting to strike on the 21st December!

And finally, your generosity not only in the contributions you made for the 'Save the Children' charity, through the many collections we held following the children's performances and Christmas jumper day, a staggering £510 was raised; but also, for the many gifts and cards you have sent us all. Thank you
Finally, I would like to offer this Christmas blessing to each of you;

May the joy of the angels

The gladness of the shepherds

The perseverance of the wise men

The obedience of Joseph and Mary

And the peace of the Christ child

Be yours this Christmas.

I wish you and all those you love, peace and joy this Christmas and hope you have a Happy and prosperous New Year (which for us at school will start on Monday 6th January 2025! - apart from Mr Hodges who is expecting his own bundle of Christmas joy early January and will be on paternity leave for the first two weeks of the New Year!)

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