

All Saints' & St Richard's Church of England Primary School

School Newsletter

19th December 2018 –
Term 2



Dear Parents & Carers,

As we now approach the end of another term and, of course, the year 2018, I would like to extend my thanks to you all for making me feel so very welcome at All Saint's and St Richard's. I have really enjoyed getting to meet you during our various events and in particular I have really enjoyed getting to know your children.

I have many things I could list as highlights for the term but a few stand out in particular. Firstly, the Barn Owls and Kestrels Nativity was an extremely proud moment for us all. It was incredible to see and hear children of such a young age be confident on stage in front of large audiences having learnt the words to the songs and the performances. An equally proud moment was during the Christmas Service at St Richard's church in which the children sang beautifully and others read with confidence. In addition, it was wonderful to hear the children play instruments during the service.

As we approach a new year, I hope that you will be pleased with the different activities that your children will be able to engage in. We have had a really positive response about Times Tables Rock Star and we hope to extend this further with a new Maths programme called Matheletics. More details will follow in the New Year. We will also have a full range of extra curriculum opportunities that your children can sign up for, both at the beginning and end of the school day.

I am also pleased to be able to report that during our recent School Improvement Advisor visit, Mrs Phillips wrote in her report 'The school is making good progress'. The reasons she made this judgement, is because the quality of teaching, learning and assessment has improved as well as attendance. This is a wonderful achievement in a short space of time so I would like to once again thank you for supporting all that we are trying to achieve. Our target for attendance is 97%. We are currently at 96.5% so we are nearly there!

May I now take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful break over the festive period and enjoy spending time with your family and friends. I look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Best Wishes

Andrea Vance





PANTO

Sleeping Beauty Pantomime

What a treat this was for all the children to enjoy after a very busy Term!

Emme Crossinggum Year 5

'The pantomime was really fun and funny. I loved the part when the evil miser danced to 'Power' by Little Mix. It was so good.

The actors were really good. It was really interactive at the end when we all stood up and danced to the music. When they had to go in to the future was very entertaining. The costumes were really fantastic'.

By Emme



Clubs starting in January 2019

Multi-sport Club AM,
Dodgeball Club PM
Gymnastics Club PM
Choir Club PM
Art Club PM

Sign up from the 4th January 2019



Workshops for
Maths and Esafety
will be coming up
Term 3 after

Christmas break.
Many thanks to
Miss Horton for her
Phonics workshop
earlier in term.

With money raised by the PTA, we have
bought various outdoor equipment for
the children at breaktimes.
Hoops, giant jenga, connect 4 and
parachutes. Thank you



KEEP
CLEAR



Parking at drop off and collection time

Please do continue to respect our local residents
and visitors, as they must always be able to access
their driveways and nearby lanes at ALL times. This
is especially important should emergency vehicles
need immediate access. Thank you



Welcome

We have had a really successful two terms of fundraising. Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed, whether it be in the planning, running or just coming along to events. This has allowed us to make some great purchases. We have purchased a huge amount of playground equipment.

We are also buying a selection of modern books for each class. Buzzards and Sparrowhawks received their books this morning. Thank you so much to our very kind book donors, who have allowed us to provide a greater selection for our children.

This is on top of individual class fundraising which was Christmas cards and cakes sales. We will update you on what each class spent their money on in the New Year.

As usual we will have a box for unwanted gifts in January but other than that we are taking a break until the end of January, when we will be having a Buzzards cake sale.

We wish you a very merry Christmas and another massive thank you for all your efforts throughout the year so far.

Tash



KS1 Nativity Performance 2018





Brilliant Baubles!

On Tuesday afternoon KS2 were given the honour of watching the dress rehearsal of KS1's production of Baubles. The excitement surrounding this had been building throughout Monday and Tuesday, with teachers being inundated with relentless questioning about exactly what time they would get to see it, and when the time finally arrived, they were not disappointed.

The Christmas tale was narrated by Romily, Katie and Xander, who not only looked incredibly smart, but read loud and clearly. A career reading the news could be lying in wait for them.

A highlight of the performance was a superbly choreographed dance routine by Lola, Lilly, Isabelle, Ben and Neveah. They were fantastic. Big smiles on their faces and you could see how hard they have worked by the execution and technique of their moves. Even Craig Revell-Horwood would be unable to give them anything lower than a '10'.

One of the key parts of the play is the Head Teacher who tells the school children about the story of the nativity. Should Ms Vance ever decide to move on, we may have her successor ready and waiting!



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Speaking of the school children he speaks to Owen, Ned, Poppy and Sophia. They all acted these parts so incredibly well and we believed that they were actually school children!

When the Kings entered the stage, our socks were well and truly blown off! I won't say how, and spoil the occasion, but look out for Zak. Just wow! Jess and Xavier completed the royal party looking very regal.

Later on in the play we meet the famous donkey from the story, and one of the shepherd's sheep. Their timing was perfect and their delivery of their lines had us all in stitches.

Amelia and Ted were a marvellous Mary and Joseph. Amelia played the part of a very tired and worn out young lady and Ted showed no signs of early shyness, and spoke his lines brilliantly.

All in KS1 have done a fantastic job and we thoroughly enjoyed seeing the fruit of all their hard work, effort and dedication. We are disappointed that we won't get to see it again. You really are in for a treat and we hope you enjoy it as much as we did.

Review by Mr Toms – Year 5&6 Teacher

Continued Term 2 diary



Wednesday 19th December

End of Term! Christmas break.

Thursday 3rd January 2019

Staff Inset day.

Friday 4th January 2019

Children return for Term 3.

Friday 4th January

Sign up for clubs via studybugs or office. Payment via Parentpay. Clubs start week commencing 7th January.

Friday 11th January

Forest School starts for Kestrels – Year 1 & 2 – all consents need to be in prior to office please.