



# Forward March!

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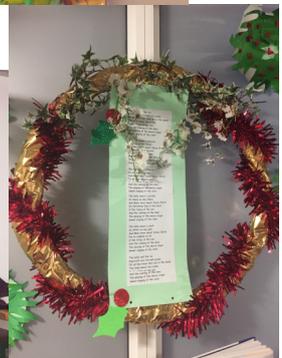
*With God's help  
we will  
live kindly,  
love each other,  
learn and  
laugh together!*

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Dear Parents,

Some of the highlights from this week have been the wonderful Christmas carol design day we had where children learnt about their carol and they created 2D and 3D artwork. Please do come in to school to see the wonderful creations by the children. There were many surprised faces as the children returned on Wednesday morning to see the school all decorated with their creations.





### **SIAMS Report**

You will all have received a copy of the SIAMS report on Friday that took place on the 15<sup>th</sup> November. We are extremely pleased with the outcome under the new criteria and the staff and children were a credit to school when the Inspectors were in. The Inspector made many wonderful comments about how welcoming and inviting our school had been and that the children were a pleasure to talk to as they were confident about their beliefs and values. Please do feel free to share the report with your friends and family, it is now also on the school website.

### **Year 5 Fantastic Finish**

Year 5 had a 'blast' at their Fantastic Finish last night, when children and parents returned to school after dark to explore the wonders of their topic- Stargazers. Mrs Swindells showed off children's musical talents with percussion performances of Star Wars and also pentatonic scales. This was followed by rocket experiments with Mr Jackson, using water and also vinegar and baking soda, outside on a very crisp evening! Children then watched original footage of the 1969 Moon landing and listened to news reports written based on this momentous event. Thank you to all who were able to attend and for all the positive comments received



*Christmas Fayre*

**The Christmas fair on Friday** was the most wonderful evening for the school community. Entertainment by the school choir was beautiful and they certainly did the most amazing job. Key Stage 1 gave us an taster of the nativity to come and we can't wait to see more !

The hard work from the Friends team never ceases to amaze me and it was the most wonderful evening of crafts, food, drinks and fun. Even Santa Claus

himself managed to make an appearance and speak to children about their wishes for the Christmas time. The raffle prize boxes were superb this year, thank you for all your contributions and well done to the Lucky winners. Year 4 hamper was judged to be the overall winner but thanks to all the parents who donated gifts and scrummy cakes.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped on the night from the Friends team, parents and staff, your support and time is much appreciated by everyone. As soon as we have a total we will let you know !



### Year 1 hit the targets.

It is always wonderful to share these moments with you and the children were very proud of all the hard work that they had achieved. As you can see from the photos they worked hard to meet their targets for handwriting and punctuation . Well done to you all.



They also asked a very BIG question to each other in Yr1 - “ what would you give Baby Jesus for Christmas?”



Requests

- Please make sure that you bring your tickets to each performances of the nativity you have booked into, we are very tight on fire restriction numbers which is why this year we have put on 3 performances to choose from.
- **PLEASE** can I ask you over the holidays to **name all your children's** clothing. I know for you if it very frustrating when they forget to bring home their coat etc... but if it isn't named we struggle to find the owner. On some days it would take hours to reunite all the clothing with the children so please assist us with this and remind your child to look after their items carefully.



**Important dates for your diary.**

**ALL Staff led clubs finish from the 5<sup>th</sup> Dec due to performances**

Nativity performance to Year R 1 2 parents 2-3pm	6 <sup>th</sup> DEC
Nativity performance to Year R 1 2 parents 2-3pm	7 <sup>th</sup> DEC
Last Sama Karate	7 <sup>th</sup> DEC
Nativity Performance to Year R 1 2 parents 6-7pm	8 <sup>th</sup> DEC
SEN Clinic with Mrs Smallwood 1-3pm	14 <sup>th</sup> DEC
Term ends	16 <sup>th</sup> DEC
Term starts for all children	3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2017
INSET DAY 3	17 <sup>th</sup> FEB

Finally ...

If you would like to talk to me about anything, please do stop and chat or make an appointment if you would like more privacy or a longer length of time. I am here to help and support you all.

Thanks for taking the time to read this fortnight's newsletter. If you would like to discuss any items from the newsletter in more detail, please do not hesitate to come and see me, my door is always 'Open'.

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Head Teacher

