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Class 1 Visit to Brackenhurst

On Friday 8th December Class 1 visited Brackenhurst.

We went on a hunt to see the stable. We saw some donkeys. We sang a song in the stable. Mary (Millie) and Joseph (Spencer) had to dress up and go at the front. Chloe was the donkey. A couple of people came along as the three wise men and the angel Gabriel. Whilst we were singing a real donkey peeked around the corner to see what we were doing! We saw some signs to tell us which way to go. We were going to Bethlehem. We had some lunch and then we did some arts and crafts. The best bit was making some reindeers (Isla). My favourite bit was making the angels (Spencer).

By Isla and Spencer Class 1



Panto visit

Wow! What an amazing time we had on Tuesday! The whole school went out for a trip for the first time in 7 years and they did us proud. There was magic and glitter and lots of singing and dancing. Every time I hear Wham's 'Last Christmas' I will think of the whole school singing and dancing along in the Playhouse before the show started. A massive thank you must go to our superb PTFA who made it all possible. Here are what some of the children on the school council said about it: *It was sooooooooooooo good! The actors dressed up as girls were funny. The costumes were amazing. The chairs were super comfy! It was fun. I liked it all but the best bit was the mean sisters and when they squirted water at us. It was magical when she changed her dress. The songs were awesome because we knew them. We'd love to do it again!*



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PTFA News

Even though 2023 is drawing to a close, the PTFA have continued to fundraise for the children of our school.

Christmas Fair - Friday 01 December.

The evening started with the School Choir, and once you were inside there were plenty of games, stalls and refreshments to get you all in the Christmas mood. We couldn't believe how busy it was, which was amazing! So thank you all for making the event such a success. Total profit for the fair was £800.

The Pantomime

The children had an amazing experience watching Cinderella on Tuesday. Watching the children's eyes light up, and join in with songs and dances, will certainly be remembered for many years to come. With your support over this year with our events, helped make this memory happen - thank you!

Christmas Raffle

We are continuing to sell Christmas raffle tickets, after school, at the Key Stage 1 Nativity and Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert. There are a wide selection of prizes. £1 per ticket available on the playground and at the nativity and carol services.

Christmas Productions

We will be supporting all performances by selling refreshments. So come along and join us for a hot drink, mince pie and a chat.

Moving forward into 2024, we will be holding our Annual General Meeting and we are looking for anyone who would like to join us, so please feel free to chat to any of the current committee for information. (Members can be found on the school website)

Once again, thank you for your support.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the PTFA.

St Johns School Choir

This time of year is very busy for our School Choir and they have been amazing throughout. They opened the Christmas Fair, performed at the Salvation Army and at Colwick Church Light Switch On. On Tuesday 12 December, they visited Bramble Court Residential Home, where some of the residents were in tears as they sang and on Monday 18 December they will be singing at John Lewis, in Victoria Centre. This will be at approximately 10:15am, floor 2. Therefore, if anyone would like to come along to support them, please do.

They have worked so hard, and I am super proud of each and every one of them and they have been dedicated and committed throughout. Thank you to all parents, carers, family and friends support.



Awards

Attendance Award

week beginning 4th December - C5

Week beginning 11th December - C5

Times Tables Award

Week beginning 4th December - C4

Week beginning 11th December - C5

Platinum awards

Week beginning 4th December - FS Mason, Ava, Rosie, Connell, Gracie, Grace, C1 Kaycee, Teddy, C3 Riley, Joshua, C4 Henry, C6 Mia, Hugo

Week beginning 11th December - C4 Tayllana, Oliver O, Ella, Oliver B, Esme R, Scarlet, Jasmine, C5 Jaylan, Ethan, C6 Harrison, George, Mollie G, Ella, Freya

Diary dates

Monday 18th December - 2.15pm Y5/6 carol service (no ticket required)

Tuesday 19th December – 9.30am FS & KS1 Nativity (ticket required)

Wednesday 20th December - 2.15pm Y3/4 carol service (no ticket required)

Wednesday 20th December - 9.30am FS & KS1 Nativity (ticket required)

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas dinner and jumper day

Thursday 21st December - 9.30am FS & KS1 Nativity (ticket required)

Monday 25th December - Weds 3rd January - Christmas Holidays

Thursday 4th January - pupils return for the spring term

Friday 5th January – 8.45-10.15am Coffee and chat morning

Friday 9th February – INSET day school closed to pupils

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February – half term holiday

Monday 19th February – pupils return for spring term 2

Friday 29th March - first day of the Easter Holidays

Monday 15th April - pupils return for summer term 1