



Newsletter 14
13th December 2019



Dear Parents,

The Year 4 and 3 Christmas Production of Jesus' Christmas Party marked the start of our festivities with a heart-warming performance that displayed some great acting and singing. Thank you to all the children and staff for all their hard work getting prepared for the show. Thank you also to those family and friends who provided raffle prizes – particularly the cakes from Nancy Kempson's grandmother, Mrs Richardson and Mrs Sanderson.



Well done to the children who performed for St Rose's; the Year 5s and 6s and three concerts for family and friends. You kept the energy going all week and managed to find time to visit St Rose's for their KS1 production. Thank you to the great audiences who came to watch them.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our House charities with our leaving collection. £289.27 was raised and will be split between the Children's Air Ambulance, Cancer Research, Make A Wish Foundation UK and Pets as Therapy.

If you would like a video of the performance, please see the attached form. The DVD is £6 and orders need to be in on Monday so they can be delivered before the end of term.

Charitas choir - Sunday

We are looking forward to more than 40 pupils joining us for this Christmas event at Our Lady's church hall on Sunday. The children need to wear school uniform and meet at 2pm for the 2.15 start. Thank you for giving your time at Christmas for the elderly of the parish.

Christmas Non-Uniform day - Wednesday

Freya Clift has nominated the charity for this year's Christmas Jumper/themed non-uniform day next Wednesday. She has chosen St Francis Hospice in Berkhamsted, a charity that many families have benefitted from in time of need. The suggested donation is £1.

Fife and Flute Concert



Parents and pupils were treated to a Christmas themed flute and fife concert on Wednesday by pupils who are learning these instruments in school. They were a delight to listen to.

Headteacher Awards – there have been many wonderful achievements to celebrate

It was a joy to hear of so much progress in Year 6 this week, particularly in Reading where children have proved to themselves how much they have improved even on earlier this term. Special congratulations to **Max, Harriet, Casey, Nancy, Joshua, Cayden and Holly** who improved their marks by more than 10 marks! Well done also to **Anuska, Mia, Lola, Alex, Jack, Dillon, Ethan and Freddie** who improved marks significantly.

Awards also went to **Holly McDonnell, Daniel Messulam** and **Nancy Kempson** for poems they wrote on Mary's Expectations of the Annunciation.

In **5Einstein** there have been some thoughtful and informed high quality writing on the theme of what you would say to Jesus if you met him. Awards went to **Jayden Nanganuri, Johan Binu** and **John Tompkins**.

In **5Mandela** homework on how Advent is celebrated around the world produced the most wonderful creative ideas and knowledge using Christmas stockings; re-creations of Christmas Wreaths, a Christmas tree, a globe and adapted Advent Calendars. Thank you to **Kacper, Rhea, Ross, Annabelle, Francesca, Evelyn, Ethan, Ruby, Orla, Natasha and Beatrice**. Great work. **Genevieve Gilbert** received an award for her work on connecting conjunctions.

Harry Sanderson (5E) for highlighting the work of his grandparents in his work on Demonstrating God's love in practical ways. He wrote about his grandparents who have set up the Wynaud Trust to help people who cannot afford to send their children to school in Zambia.

In 5Mandela **Erin Bowers** and **Ruby Hibberd** received Citizenship Stars for sharing their work in a published book entitled The Wild Things of Boxmoor.

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Quentin Kwambai – for achieving the 100 Club

Kai Seabrook – for creating his very own computer game – Mega Maths – that he has shared with others to help with times tables.

First Reconciliation

Fr Brian and Fr Kim will be in school for the children to make the sacrament of Reconciliation. This will only be for the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion in the Hemel Parishes.

Class Christmas parties

These are being held in each class on Thursday afternoon. You should be asked to contribute towards the party food via a letter from the class teachers. This is not a non-uniform day.

News from PA

Once again I would like to express my sincere thanks, especially to the small number of PA members that have worked hard behind the scenes, but also to everybody that has supported our fundraising efforts this term. It is really appreciated.

Summary of Money Raised this term:

School Disco: £360.80

Wreath Night: £107.66

Sleeping Beauty Pantomime: £646.00 (Wishing you all a fabulous time this weekend)

and last but not least the Christmas performance raffles this week raised a fabulous £403

A big thank you to our fabulous cake bakers, Mrs Nicholls (Nancy Kempson Yr6 Grandmother), Mrs Richardson (Lola Richardson Yr4 mum) and Mrs Sanderson (Harry Sanderson Yr5 Mum)

Also, thank yous to Naomi Carey, Mrs Keane and Mrs Hazell who kindly donated the other raffle prizes and all the lovely parents that kindly sold the tickets before the performance.

Finally just to let you know we have successfully secured tickets again for next years panto at Alban Arena....Oh yes we have!!

SAVE THE DATE: Sat 12th Dec 2020 6pm. Mother Goose (Tickets will go on sale September 2020)

Thank you again for your continued support. Sandra McDonnell. SCM PA Chair.

End of term reminders

Sunday Caritas Choir 2.15 (meeting at 2pm) Our Lady Queen of All Creation

Monday First Reconciliation for children making their First Communion in the Hemel Parishes in May

Wednesday Christmas Lunch and Non-uniform day in aid of St Francis Hospice

Thursday Christmas class parties

Friday Term ends at 1.45pm

Have a great weekend preparing for Christmas,

Best wishes

Mrs Smith
Head Teacher