

Friday 6th December 2019

Dear all,

It has been a really busy but fun week. On Monday it was the present wrapping. The children had a great day choosing and wrapping presents for their loved ones. Many thanks to the PTA for organising the event.

Then we also had the FSU nativity yesterday and today. The children were amazing! They sang beautifully and acted out their scenes with lovely big smiles. A huge well done to all the FSU staff as it is not an easy job to put on a performance like that with lots of little people!

Beech and Maple Class are watching the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra today. I'm sure it will be amazing. It is to the theme of 'Space and Exploration' presented by award winning composer and conductor, James Redwood. It's an interactive concert and is especially designed for children.

Tonight it is the Christmas Lantern parade in town. Cherry Class have made the lanterns and will be walking them through town from All Saints Church at 5.30pm to The Strand for 6pm. It would be lovely if lots of other families from St Joseph's could join us.

Donations

A few people have very kindly said they would like to make donations to the school to help us buy resources for the children. There is no expectation that you need to do this. However, if you wish to donate there is an area on ParentPay called donations and we accept cheques. Please realise this is not a request for money but rather we have had people offer and wanted to let them know this is how they can donate if they wish.

Mufti day and Christmas Jumper day

With Christmas in full swing next week we have two mufti days. On Wednesday the children can come to school in their own clothes in exchange for something for the Christmas Fair. Recommended donations are FSU – Red and Green items e.g. green matchmakers, Yr 1 – Mince pies, Yr 2 and 3 – cakes, Yr 4 – Sweetie Jars, Yr 5 – Boxes of chocolates, Yr 6 – Chocolate bars

On Friday it is Christmas Jumper day. For a £1 donation the children can wear their school uniform with a Christmas Jumper. All money raised goes to Save the Children.

Message from Father Philip

At Church we are having the blessing of the 'Bambinelli'. We would like to invite families to bring their crib babies to church that weekend. As according to Roman tradition, it will be performed by Pope Francis at the Angelus on Gaudete Sunday, December 15th. A 'Blessing of the Bambinelli' – for family cribs.

Everyone is invited to bring their 'baby Jesus' to Mass that weekend for a blessing – 6pm Saturday, 9.00am and 11.00am Sunday.

Next week:

Tuesday 10th December - 2pm & 6pm KS1 Nativity in the school hall

Wednesday 11th December – Mufti Day & Christmas lunch

Thursday 12th December – Sycamore and Rowan Classes to Exmouth House to perform Nativity songs

Thursday 12th December – Cherry and Willow Christmas Service 6pm in school

Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th December – Sycamore and Rowan Classes to Church to perform Nativity songs

Friday 13th December – PTA Christmas Fair

Best wishes & many thanks for your continued support**Mrs Taylor-Bashford**

Headteacher's Awards: FSU – Jessi, Rowan – Tilly, Ethan, Liam, Daisy, Amelia, Sycamore – Lydia, Teddy

Bronze Awards: Oak - Thea, Evie P-B, Rory, Rowan – Daisy, Jonah, Sycamore – Harry, Cherry – Nicholas, Willow - Elizabeth

Silver Award: Beech - Izzy

Stars of the week: Oak – Evie K, Rowan - Quinn, Sycamore - Harry, Cherry – Annie, Willow – Ben, Maple - Imogen, Beech – Lola.

Breakfast Club Star of the week: Oak - Isabelle