

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Dear all,

What a lovely week we have had!

**Special visitor**

We had a very special visitor on Wednesday morning! We were very lucky to have Father Christmas come and visit all the classes. He delivered presents to the children and checked what they had on their lists and that they were all being good! The children were so thrilled and we were listening carefully and think we may have heard the bells from his reindeer on the roof!

**Christmas lunch**

We also had our Christmas lunch which was lovely. The children had their lunch with Christmas carols playing and wearing the hats they had made. Many thanks to all the staff for their help and a special thank you and well done to Mrs Jones for going above and beyond with the hair and outfit!

**Performances**

We also had the KS1 nativity this week – the children were amazing. They performed beautifully and their singing was really clear and enthusiastic! They did two performances in school and one in Church and everyone who watched them thought they were brilliant.

Then we had Willow and Cherry's Advent service on Thursday night which was lovely. The children sang really clearly and performed beautifully. Well done class 3 and 4!

**Christmas jumper day and present wrapping**

The week was then finished with our Christmas jumper and present wrapping day. Thank you for all the donations which will go to Save the Children, a really deserving charity. The children loved wearing their Christmas jumpers and thoroughly enjoyed choosing their presents and wrapping them. The lucky grownups will have a treat in store for Christmas day! Many thanks to the PTA for organising this activity.

**Yr 6 Maths superstars – Exmouth champions!**

Well done to Rafa, Felix, Cameron and Louis who won the Exmouth Schools Maths competition last week! They had to compete against the other Exmouth schools answering some very tricky Maths questions. This is the second year in a row St Joseph's has won the competition and we are extremely proud of our children. Well done boys! Many thanks to Mrs Greenway and Mrs Mascarenhas for accompanying the children to ECC.

**BBC Spotlight**

I hope you all had a chance to watch us on BBC Spotlight on Tuesday. They did a short report about our Rainwater Harvesting project. Well done to our school council, especially Cameron and Laura for speaking so clearly – presenters of the future I think!

**Upcoming dates:**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Maple and Beech Advent Service in the Church 6.30pm

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – 2.30 pm Carols around the Christmas Tree followed by refreshments in the hall.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of school before Christmas holiday.

**Best wishes & many thanks for your continued support****Mrs Taylor-Bashford****Headteacher's awards:** Sycamore - Maizie**Gospel Value Bronze Awards:** Rowan – William, Sycamore – Annie, Nicholas, Cherry – Edith, Beech - Radina**Star of the Week Awards:** Oak – Quinlin, Rowan – Lydia, Sycamore – Adam, Cherry – Alicia, Willow – Emmie, Maple - Oliver, Beech - Evan**Breakfast Club Award:** Mia