

Friday 13th December 2019

Dear all,

This week has been very busy but full of fun.

On Tuesday Sycamore and Rowan Class performed their Nativity. The children were super, they sang beautifully and acted and danced with confidence. They really enjoyed performing for everyone and should be very proud of themselves.

Sycamore Class then went and performed to the residents of Exmouth House yesterday. The residents really enjoyed seeing the children and listening to the songs. Today Sycamore and Rowan Class went and performed their play in Church to the parishioners – what a busy week they have had!

Yesterday evening it was Cherry and Willow Class who performed their Christmas concert. I was really impressed by all the fantastic singing and the children spoke their lines clearly and loudly. Well done year 3 and 4!

The week will be finished with the Christmas Fair tonight. There are lots of activities on offer for the children and stalls with presents to buy. It should be an excellent event, raising funds for the school so we look forward to seeing you.

Poppy Appeal

Many thanks to everyone who bought poppy items at school. We raised £107.13 for The Royal British Legion.

Children in Need

An update from our Children in Need day in November – we raised a total of £214.38 for the charity which is fantastic.

Many thanks to everyone who gave money for these charities.

Pupil Chaplains

As part of CAST we have been asked to select a group of children to act as Pupil Chaplains. Their role might include sending cards to people, helping with Liturgy, welcoming new starters, planning displays etc. The children from year 4 and 5 had to think about the role and decide if they wanted to apply for a position or not. We had lots of applications and we went through them all and then Father Philip and I interviewed a few of the children. We have selected Nicole, Jasmine, Eden, Ellie, Lewis, Bella E, Zaylea, Justas. We will have a trip to Plymouth in January to meet the Bishop and take part in a Commissioning service. Well done to all the children who applied.

Useful website

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> is the site for applying for free childcare hours for 2, 3 and 4 yr olds.

Please remember if you are applying for a school place for Reception class September 2020 the closing date is 15th January.

Next week:

Saturday 6pm and Sunday 9am & 11am – Blessing of the Bambinelli. Please take your 'Baby Jesus' from your crib for a blessing.

Monday 16th December – Willow Class going to sing at Exmouth House

Tuesday 17th December – Rowan, Sycamore and Cherry Class Pixie Maz storytelling session

Tuesday 17th December – Maple and Beech Class Advent Service at Church 6.30pm

Thursday 19th December – Last day of term

Monday 6th January – School starts for the Spring term

Best wishes & many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Headteacher's Awards: Rowan Class – All of yr 1 for making their 'Disgusting sandwich!', Jonah, Quinn, Cohen, Sycamore - Ellis

Bronze Awards: FSU – Poppy J, Poppy N, Emily, Jack, Evie, Jessi, Rowan - Barney, Beech - Oliver

Stars of the week: Oak – Jack, Rowan – Brooke R, Sycamore - Ellis, Cherry – Max, Willow - Justas, Maple - Silva, Beech – Lily.

Breakfast Club Star of the week: Nicole