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ADVENT WEEK 2



This week in Collective Worship we have been thinking about about the second week of Advent and the theme of 'Peace'. The second candle was lit on our advent wreath as we reflected on how we can work together to achieve peace.

Carol Service 2017

Thank you to everyone who attended our annual Carol Service in the Church on Tuesday and we do hope you enjoyed sharing in our worship. We are very lucky that parents and families are able to join us for our school services, even if it is a very tight squeeze! I am sure you will agree it was a beautiful service with lovely contributions from each class and the Young Worship group; the Class 2 children did especially well with their acting of the Nativity – well done everyone!

Christmas Dinner

We had a delicious Christmas Dinner yesterday thanks to Mrs Harrington Smith and the lunchtime staff; there are some photos on the website. Thank you also to the PTA for providing crackers and lemonade.

SNOW DAY

Thank you for your understanding when we had to close the school on Monday. It is always a very difficult decision to make taking into account weather forecasts, travel advice and the proximity of staff combined with the need to give families enough advance notice. Our school is also in a particularly tricky location in snowy conditions. I hope that is it for this winter! If you didn't get the text message from school, please check with the office that we have your most up to date contact number.

Choir tomorrow

A reminder that the choir children are singing at local nursing homes tomorrow. Please make sure they have a water bottle and a warm outdoor coat as they will be walking some of the way and remember to bring an inhaler if required.

CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Monday 18th December, 1pm

Class parties take place in the afternoon but children may wear their non-uniform "party outfit" to school that day **as long as it is suitable for normal school activities in the morning.** Please also ensure your child has appropriate footwear and a warm coat to wear for the day as they will still be playing outside as normal. Party food and drink contributions (nut free) should be brought in on the Monday morning – if you haven't heard by now please contact your child's teacher



School Office

In order for Mrs Rule to finish banking and administration by the end of term, please ensure all **outstanding bills for dinners and swimming** are settled by TOMORROW many thanks.

Reception 2018 Application deadline

Families wishing to apply for a reception place for September 2018 are reminded that the deadline is fast approaching: 15th January 2018. **Please also remember to complete a school form (SIF) which are available from the office.**

Job vacancy

Would you like to join our lunchtime team?
We are looking to appoint a Midday Supervisor to work in school over lunchtimes 11.45am-1.00pm. The role includes supervising children in the dining hall and on the playground. It could be that you can offer 5 days per week, or alternatively the week could be split between two people. Please contact Mrs Peddie if you are interested.

THANK YOU!

As we head towards the Christmas break I would like to say a big thank you to you all for your support and help this term.

- ✳ To the **Governors**, especially the Chair **Mrs Jane Thake**, for their hard work in helping to run the school.
 - ✳ To our **wonderful PTA committee** who have worked tirelessly putting on events and raising valuable funds for school; THANK YOU for giving up your time and to everyone who supports their efforts by volunteering.
 - ✳ To all of you who have **helped in school**: hearing readers, helping with class activities, gardening, cooking, helping on trips, supporting events and so much more – we really value our working partnership with you allthank you!
 - ✳ ...and finally to our **amazing staff** who are totally committed to giving every child at St Ippolyts the very best chances and opportunities ~ enjoy a good rest!
- Term begins for children on THURSDAY 4th JAN 2018.**

On behalf of all the Children, Staff and Governors, may I wish all our families a joyous Christmas and a peaceful new year.

R Peddie
Headteacher



CHRISTMAS FAIR 2017

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas Fair last Friday, it really felt like the start of Christmas and the school had a real buzz!

We are pleased to inform you that we raised a total of **£1,443.97!**

Organising one of our biggest fundraisers is a huge task and it could not be done without help from everyone that gets involved in so many different ways including sending in donations, shopping for us, getting crafty, set up and clean up. The build up to the fair and the set up on the day was made so much easier with all the volunteers we had, we really are very grateful to the following people: Santa, Giselle Hayes, Dee Sodan, Niki Laws Randall, Faye Hall, Libbie Burbidge, Lucy Foster, Bindu Turner, Katie Moss, Holly Smith, Becci Faul, Naomi Taylor, Emma Smith, Kerry Ward, Louise Martin, Venessa Bryson, Helen Twomey, Laura Johnson, Laura Larman, Sheralee Devitt, and Ollie French.

A big thank you also needs to go to Mrs Peddie and all the teaching staff for allowing us to use so many parts of the school and their class rooms and for helping run stalls. Thank you to Mrs Harrington Smith and Mr Dickens for their help in the kitchen and the big clean up.

Thank you to Mrs Stewart and the choir for the beautiful and Christmassy opening of the fair!

A big thank you to class 6 and Mrs Stewart for their brilliant games, they were busy from start to finish.

We had lots of volunteers to help run stalls and tidy up, thank you all so much for giving up your time. Jane Thake, Carol Scott, Laurence Foster, Jess Skeggs, Sally Hendry, Merel, Taryn Da Silva, Jo Hughes, Rohan, Sandra Hinksman, Andy Smith and Claire Reynolds. Apologies if I have missed anyone off, lots of people offered their help at the fair, which was very much appreciated, thank you.

We had some lovely raffle prizes donated by local businesses, thanks to The Farmhouse at Redcoats, La Maison Blanc, Blue Otter Wines, Space to Play, Fitness Exchange, The Queen Mother Theatre and Ladder 87 Company.

And last but not least! Thank you to Louise Massie for organising all the floats for the fair, counting and banking...it is a lot of work!

Bring on the Summer Fair!

PARENTS' SOCIAL!

We had a fantastic evening at our first Social, and I am pleased say we raised **£104.50**.
Thank you to all who came and enjoyed the night.

Nativity and Carol Service

Thank you to Taryn Da Silva, Lucy Foster and Jane Thake for their help serving refreshments.

Class 1 Nativity collection

Thank you so much for your generous donations towards drama and music at St Ippolyts. The collection raised **£150.05** (before Gift Aid)