



Newsletter ~ Term 2, Week 6

Mary's Knitting

What a fantastic re-telling of the Christmas story we have been privileged to see this week, with our infant performance of 'Mary's Knitting' whisking us back to Bethlehem all those many years ago. The children sang with gusto, the narrators and actors were crystal clear and the smiles on every child's face showed how much they enjoyed performing for their parents, parishioners and other pupils.

A representative from Clifton Diocese joined us for the dress rehearsal on Tuesday and a link to his write-up, pod cast and photos of the event can be found on the front page of the website.

Follow the link: <http://www.cliftondiocese.com>

A DVD of the play will be available in the near future and can be ordered on ParentPay by the end of today (**Friday 8 December**). Letters/order forms were sent home in book bags yesterday and also emailed to parents due to the tight turnaround..

KS2 Carol Service Thursday 14 December 7pm at St Francis' Church

Children in KS2 will be walking to church to rehearse their Carol Service next week and we would be grateful for parent helpers for the walk on the mornings of **Monday 11 at 9.30, Tuesday 12 at 9.00 and 1.15pm, Wednesday 13 at 9.00 and Thursday 14 at 9.45am. Key Stage 1 will be watching the juniors perform their dress rehearsal on the morning of Wednesday 13 December so we will need extra helpers for that day.** If any parent is able to spare some time to help walk children to and from Church, it would be much appreciated – and you do get a sneak preview as well! Please see your child's class teacher if you can help.

On the evening of the Carol Service, children are asked to be at the church no earlier than 6.30pm. Children will gather in the church hall and will give their coats and shoes to their parents at the door. All children should come dressed in their costumes or outfits which will be sent home with them on Wednesday after the dress rehearsal. They should all now know what they are wearing but if you have any questions about costumes or how the evening works please do go and see your child's class teacher.

Well Done...

To Byron, Lucy and Catherine in year 6, Mia and Kacper in year 5, Ed, Luke and Josh in year 4, Sophie and Gabe in year 3, Dylan, Alice and Xanthe in year 2 and Elliot and Jacob in year 1. And from Miss Parry a special 'well done' to all the children in KS1 for 'being brilliant' in the Christmas play.

Key Stage 1 Christmas Party Monday 18 December

Christmas parties for children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 will take place on the afternoon of Monday 18th December. Children are asked to bring in a small amount of party food to share, e.g. crisps, a packet of biscuits. Drinks will be provided. We are hoping a special visitor will be able to visit the children.

Key Stage 1 Christmas Craft Workshop

Thank you to those parents/grandparents who have offered to help with the Key Stage 1 Christmas Workshop on **Tuesday 12th December**. We are looking forward to having you with us. Please meet in the hall at 9.15am. We should be finished by 10.45am.

Swimming for Years 3 and 6

Children in years 3 and 4 will go swimming every Friday during terms 3 and 4, starting on **Friday 5 January**. We need parental help in the changing rooms to supervise the children as they are getting ready to go into the pool and drying themselves afterwards. If you can spare any time on a Friday, please let us know as soon as possible. We have a small band of very loyal dads who help us out with the boys on a regular basis but we really need more volunteers.

After School Sports Clubs

Just a reminder that Wednesday 13 December and Thursday 14 December will be the last sessions of this term's after school sports clubs.

School Admission Policy 2018-19

The governing body is consulting on our proposed admission arrangements for the 2018-19 school year. The proposed arrangements may be viewed on our website www.st-francis.n-somerset.sch.uk. Paper copies are available on request to the school office. If you would like to respond to the proposed arrangements, please send your comments to the Chair of Governors, c/o St Francis School, Station Road, Nailsea BS48 4PD or by email office@stfrancispri.org by **29 January 2018**.

Admissions for Reception 2018

The closing date for admissions to the Reception class for September 2018 is **15 January 2018 at 23:59**. Parents can apply online at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/admissions. The Admissions Team can also be contacted on 01275 884078 or by email admissions@n-somerset.gov.uk. Supporting Baptismal evidence should be brought to the school office by **15 January 2018**.

Bad Weather

If we need to close or partially close the school because of snow or bad weather, we use the following methods to keep our parents informed as soon as possible in the morning:

- updated welcome message on the school telephone 01275 855373
- updated status on our website
- email message to those parents who have verified their email address on ParentPay
- Sims text message to those parents who have signed up to text messaging in ParentPay.

Parents can also check the North Somerset Council website www.n-somerset.gov.uk/disruption and listen to local radio stations.

Road Safety

Dr Liam Fox, our Member of Parliament, is visiting us on **Friday 15th December at 12.15pm** to talk to any parents who have concerns about road safety outside our school. If you would like to meet with and talk to Dr Fox, please do come to the school and share your thoughts with him.

We continue to ask parents to be considerate of others in the mornings and at the end of the day. North Somerset is ticketing cars parked in the bus stop area of the lay-by.

And Finally

The second candle on our Advent wreaths can be lit this Sunday and it is traditionally thought of as the 'peace' candle.

*Jesus, you are peace even when there is hatred.
Help us to forgive like you when we are hurt or wounded.
Bring peace into our hearts we pray.
Amen.*