

## Newsletter ~ Term 2, Week 7

### Christmas Events



The rafters rang last night at St Francis' Church as our Key Stage Two children did us proud with their wonderful retelling of the Christmas story through singing, acting, reading and dancing. What stood out for me this year was the enthusiastic participation of every single child.

There are so many people we need to say 'thank you' to for helping us put this carol service together, but a huge thank you goes to all the staff who have

rehearsed, sung, stapled broken costumes, supervised children, made head dresses and carried furniture about - and always willingly and cheerfully.



In turn, our teachers would like to say thank you to all parent 'walkers' who have helped so faithfully on our journeys to and from church over the last week. We are also very grateful to our 'man with the van' who helped transport staging and benches to and from church, our 'ironing' friend and to Fr Tom and all at the church who made us feel very welcome (and put the heating on for us!)

A message from one of our governors on the performance...  
*Just wanted to congratulate you and all of the staff and of course the children on a truly delightful and spiritual service last night. The children were all "super stars", the singing was beautiful and the readings clearly spoken and so well chosen. Particularly impressive was the engagement of all of them throughout.*

### A Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear parents and carers

As you may be aware the governing body has been reviewing different structures for the school such as a multi-academy trust and federation. It has decided not to make a change at this time. Therefore we will be seeking to appoint a new head teacher in the New Year to start in September 2019. Mrs Hunt and Mr Groves will continue as acting head and acting deputy head respectively until then. We thank them and all the staff for their hard work and commitment to St Francis'

On behalf of the governing body, I wish you all a blessed and happy Christmas and I hope you enjoy this special time with your families.

Best wishes

Ann Tarr, Chair of Governors

### Charitable Giving

Thank you so much for your more than generous giving this Christmas. We raised £343.93 for the Blood Bikers at the KS2 carol service on Tuesday and £184.50 for Cancer Relief through our Christmas Jumpers Day and raffle.

### Swimming for Years 3 and 6

Swimming starts on Friday 11 January for and we would be very grateful for parental help. Please contact the class teacher if you have any time to spare on a Friday morning.

**Well Done...**

to the recipients of our book token awards this Christmas. Teachers put a great deal of thought into choosing a child from their class who has made good all-round progress during the last two terms and I think they have made excellent choices. Congratulations to Isaac, Mimi, Jessica, Zoe, Sophie, Grace and Sarah.

**And Finally ....**

*Thank you for your continued support of the school and your children;  
on behalf of the staff and governors I wish you all  
a very happy and holy Christmas.*

*Term 3 begins on Monday 7 January*

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**Premier Sport Club's at St Francis Term 3 & 4**

<b>Wednesday After School:</b> Handball	<b>Dates:</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019 (no club on 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb (parents evening))
<b>Time:</b> 3:15 – 4:20pm	<b>Cost:</b> £45 (£40 if booked online)

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or book online at <https://www.premier-education.com>  
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