



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and purposeful December the children have experienced in our preparations for the great feast of Christmas.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating the children of the Early Years Foundation Stage for their performance of 'Angel Express' and the children of KS1 for their performance of 'Peace on Earth'. Both nativities were enjoyed by all and we thank you for the positive comments and record attendance.



Our Choir, who were invited to the Mayor's Christmas Carol service at All Saints Church and for the official turning on of the Christmas tree lights, sang beautifully and yet again were a credit to us all. Thank you to all the parents and families who came with their children this was much appreciated.

Earlier in the week the School Council and pupil members of the Chaplaincy Team visited residents in Lady Spencer House and Johnson Court to sing carols. The residents were delighted by their visit and were very grateful for the beautiful hamper which we made up from unsold items from the Christmas fair.



Our school Carol Concert will take place in St Vincent's church on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm. Please join us for our final celebration before Christmas. **All children will be dismissed from school at 2.15pm.**

### **The Friends of St Vincent's PTA**

Thank you to all of you who came along to the Christmas Fair last Friday which raised £424.81 for the children. Thank you so much for your continued and generous support.

There were a number of unsold items from the tombola and food from the children's parties which enabled us to make a generous donation to the Food Bank, it will make a real difference to some local families this Christmas.

The Christmas disco on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December was a great success, the dancing snowmen and the 'snowfall' made the hall look truly magical and all the children and adults had a wonderful time.



### **Heating in school**

We have been experiencing difficulties with the heating in some parts of the school for the last few weeks. The mild weather and temporary heaters have enabled us to manage the situation. However we received good news today because the Diocese has authorized works on our behalf and the engineers will be on site when we return after Christmas for approximately four weeks.

### **Reading Books**

Having bought so many new books for the children to enjoy in school we have reached our storage capacity so today the children have chosen and are bringing home books from our old stock which they may keep. It was wonderful to see the children so excited about choosing a book.

### **Services in St Vincent's Church**

Children's Mass Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December 5pm  
Carols before Mass Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December 9.30pm  
Midnight Mass Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December 10pm  
Christmas Day Mass Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December 11am  
Boxing Day Mass Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm



School re-opens Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016 - Reception –Year 6  
School re-opens Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015 for Nursery both AM and PM sessions.  
**Clubs re-start on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2015.**

Diary dates for the Lent term will be posted on the website next term.

We hope you enjoy the Christmas celebration with your families and we wish you the peace and joy of Christmas.

Mrs Lake

