



Dear Parents and Carers,

School is busy with Christmas preparations and we look forward to a happy last three weeks of term. Our ever growing choir, now with 47 members, sang beautifully at the Mayor's Celebration of Christmas on Tuesday night, at The Grove. Thank you especially to Mrs Ward and all of our pupils whose excellent behaviour and singing was commented upon by the teachers from the other schools. The children were, as always, a credit to us all. It was lovely to see so many parents in attendance to support the choir and from the feedback received they, too, really enjoyed the show.



During the last few weeks we have enjoyed Class Assemblies led by years 4, 5 and 6 all of which were well supported by parents. These were both enlightening and prayerful and a marvelous start to our Friday mornings in school. Thank you to all the staff and pupils involved. We look forward to an assembly from Year 3 in December.



In preparation for Advent we have two Advent Wreaths one to be used by the church and one for school. In school we will begin our preparations for Christmas with the lighting of our first candle at Collective Worship on Monday.



The Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 are both busily practising for their respective Nativity plays.

The afternoon children in the nursery and the children in reception class are performing 'The First Christmas'. Tickets are available from the school office priced at £1 each.

The children in years 1 and 2 are performing 'Jesus@bethlehemstable.com'. Tickets are available from the school office priced at £1 each.

The children in Years 5 and 6 will be visiting the residents in Johnson Court on the 16th December and joining them to sing some carols with maybe a mince pie or two! Our school Christmas Mass is on Thursday 18th December and our Carol Concert on the 19th December both in St Vincent's church. You are most welcome to join us.



Friends of St Vincent's PTA



Tomorrow, Friday 28th, is our non-uniform day so please send in your donations for our Christmas Fair which will take place on Friday 5th December in the social club 2.30-4.30pm. The children will have an opportunity to visit during the afternoon, please send in some pocket money for them to spend and if you are able please come along at 2.30 to visit the Christmas Fair before collecting the children.

The Friends are also holding the annual family Christmas disco in the social club on Friday 19th December 7-10pm, tickets will be on sale from Monday 1st December after school, tickets are priced at £3 adult £2 children.



A reminder coffee morning every Thursday 9.00am come and join us.

Now that winter is fast approaching we need to be prepared for unplanned closure of the school. In order to receive an e-mail alert via the Central Bedfordshire School's Open Status (SOS) system, you will need to register:

- Go to the following link and click on it:
<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/webApps/SOS>
- Click on 'register for updates' and fill in the text boxes
- Click on 'submit'



You will then receive an email which contains instructions on how to 'activate' your account which will include a 'one off' activation code:

- Click on the link: <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/webApps/SOS/>
- Go to 'Log in to edit your details' and type in your email address and the activation code.
- The next time you want to edit your details (e.g. change the names of schools for which you wish to receive alerts), type in your email address and password.

In addition to this please ensure that we have your correct mobile number so that should we need to send a text you will receive the message. Furthermore please note that as the school website will be updated to indicate school status. If neither of these options are available to us due to a power cut or internet failure the closure message will be broadcast on HEART Radio and Three Counties Radio.



Please ensure that your child's PE kit including plimsolls is in school so that should they need to come to school in either boots or wellingtons they are able to change their footwear.

Starting school September 2015

If your child is due to start school September 2015, and you wish us to check your application prior to submission, please bring it to the school office by Thursday 11th December.

I look forward to seeing you when you join us for one or more of our Christmas celebrations. Please check the website for all the events in December. **Please note that there will be NO CLUBS running in the last week of term, between 15th and 19th December. Clubs re-start on Monday 12th January 2015.**

Enjoy the weekend with your families.

Mrs Lake

