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NEWSLETTER Friday 9th December 2022

Dear Parents,

Wow! What a week! Whilst the weather outside might have been bleak and cold the atmosphere in the school has been **bright and warm!**

CHRISTMAS NATIVITIES

I hope that you all enjoyed seeing your children performing earlier in the week. I thought that each and every one of them was tremendous making the shows spectacular and packed with memories for you to treasure. Every year the teachers wonder whether they "can pull it off" again and every year the children do spectacularly well. I'm so proud of them all! Fantastic! Hope you like this selection of pictures.





GYMNASTICS EVENT



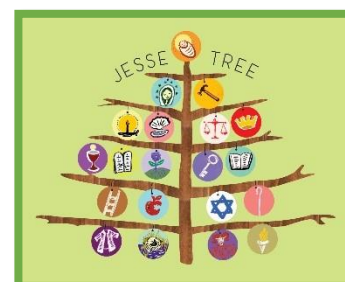
Class 3 had great fun taking part in their gymnastics event, sharing their learning with other schools.

ETHOS & VALUES

We are currently exploring Advent and the children have been enjoying stories about the Jesse tree ~ a very old Christmas tradition first started in medieval times. The Jesse tree and specific ornaments are used to help tell the story of the Bible from creation to the Christmas Story.

CHRISTINGLE

We were joined this week by Rev Gina for our Christingle service. Christingle is a joyful celebration that brings us together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope. Christingle is an idea that was introduced to The Church of England in 1968, and it has since become one of the most popular events for communities in the church calendar.



The main element, that is universal to all Christingle celebrations, is the lighting of Christingle candles. As you can see we made our Christingles before going to church.



Each element of a Christingle has a special meaning and helps to tell the Christian story:

- The orange represents the world
- The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ
- The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations
- The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.

FOLS

What an amazing Christmas Fair!!! Many, many thanks to everyone who contributed by either manning a stall or simply supporting the event. Without you there wouldn't even be a fair! The FOLS Fair has raised (imagine a trumpet fanfare at this point) ... £2440, yes £!!!! (Now imagine a thunderous round of applause!) So, thanks to you all (and especially Michelle for her deadly organised enthusiasm!)



Song machine performing at the Christmas fair.

A message from Michelle

A big BIG thank you to everyone, for all of your support with the second-hand clothes sale / bags 2 school and Christmas Fair! These events just wouldn't happen without a great team effort, from people donating clothes for the sale, bottles / cakes and prizes to buying raffle tickets and running stalls for the Fair, you've all contributed in some way and I am very grateful. I am pleased to announce that we raised £198 for the clothes sale/ tuck shop. £204 for bags 2 school and a whopping £2440 for the raffle and Christmas Fair! This is such an amazing achievement especially in the current climate. These funds will help each of our children and the school enormously.

Many thanks, Michelle.

SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

Attendance: (Our school target is 97%)	
Whole school	93.5%
Class 1	96.3%
Class 2	90.8%
Class 3	93.7%
Class 4	95%
Well done to Class 1!	

If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please contact the school or in non-school hours contact MASH on 0345 155 1071.

Our designated safeguarding officer is Mrs. Ryder and the deputy safeguarding officer is Mr. Ansermoz

SAINTS SOUTH WEST

Good news, our extra-curricular clubs for Spring term are now available for parents to book on to. Click on the link below to book your place:

Thursday Whole School Football - <https://saints-southwest.class4kids.co.uk/info/1270>

LANDSCOPE CHRISTMAS POST

The post box is down by the office for children to post their Christmas cards to friends. Please ensure envelopes are named and have a class number on them. These will be delivered each day by our Class 3&4 post masters!



SCHOOL LUNCHES

Spring term lunches: The new menu is now on parent pay. Please ensure you order in plenty of time for the start of term as there is a 48 hour cut off to enable kitchen staff to complete orders and fulfil bookings.

CHRISTMAS

Outstanding events still to take place are:

- **Wed 14th Christmas Party Day: Classes 3&4**
You should be expecting a letter from the class teachers about this. If you have any questions, please ask them.
- **Wed 14th Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper day (Save the children, donations via our Just Giving page)**
The usual festive feast from Linda. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like a dinner, please book via Parent Pay.
- **Thu 17th Christmas Party Day classes 1&2**
You should be expecting a letter from the class teachers about this. If you have any questions, please ask them.
- **Friday 16th Carol Service 1:00, St Matthew's**
Our traditional carol service, where we ask you to join in~ so make sure that you bring your best singing voices with you!

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

- Break up 2.00 Fri 16th December
- Back to school Wed 4th January normal time

Well, this half term has certainly flown by; with only a week to go, it really is beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Have a great weekend everyone.

Jill Ryder.

