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## **NEWSLETTER Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

Dear Parents,

### **CHRISTMAS NATIVITIES**

I hope that you will all enjoy watching the films of your children in church performing their nativities, which we have managed to film in the last couple of days (Miss M is busy editing and creating so these will be with you next week). I was so sad to have this as an in-house event – I love our nativities; a highlight of the year for me! I thought that each child 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 we took to share with you.

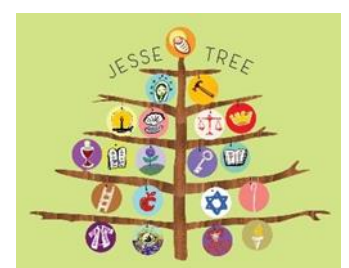
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### **FOLS NEWS**

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) ... over £1,000 (Now imagine a thunderous round of applause!) So, thanks to you all (and especially Justina & co for their deadly organised enthusiasm!).

### **SCHOOL 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.





## ATTENDANCE AND SAFEGUARDING

Attendance:  
(Our school target is 96.8%)

Whole school	95.8 %
Class 1	93.9%
Class 2	96.9%
Class 3	98.3%
Class 4	92.9%
Well done to class 3!	

Thank you to everyone who has been wearing masks at drop off, pick up and for your support with decisions made this week.

(These attendance figures do not include Covid-related absences.)

## KS1 Nativity Photos



### CLASS 1 PE with Mr Tanner

Lots of fun was had on Wednesday when the children in Class One worked on their fundamental movement skills with Mr Tanner. It was lovely to see the children doing great running, jumping, hopping, throwing and catching!



### MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT DOG

You may be aware that we have Levi join us each week in school. Levi helps to support the mental health of staff and pupils and belongs to Amanda. Dogs are often used as part of therapy to relieve stress and anxiety, and along with a drop in stress levels, having contact with a dog can promote happiness and fewer negative emotions. He's been well received by the children, so do say hello to him if he's outside with Amanda!



### COMING UP

- TUES 14<sup>th</sup> DEC BUCKFAST ABBEY VISIT Classes 2&3. Please remember to pay via parent pay asap please if you have not already done so
- WED 15th CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
- FRI 17TH DEC 2pm BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS



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 and huge thanks for your support and lovely emails this week!

*Jill Ryder.*