



NEWSLETTER No. 13

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Just a final "stop press" edition of our newsletter to end the term with a few last pieces of information. The week has flown by with more Christmas celebrations, concerts, parties and so on. No doubt the children have enjoyed this last week and we hope they are ready to relax at home in the run up to Christmas Day.

We are saying goodbye to two staff members this week. Mrs. Val Sankerlingham in our kitchen is leaving to pursue alternative employment and Miss Natasha Chernoff, one of our learning support team, is leaving to further her speech therapy practice and will still be available for private speech therapy sessions. Our thanks to them for all their hard work and contributions to date and good luck for the future.

Our Transition children recently thrilled our parents with a wonderful nativity concert and everyone agreed how well they had done to learn so much at such a tender age. Congratulations to our Transition staff who co-ordinated the concert so perfectly and well done to all the children for their wonderful performances.

Our junior children also performed a wonderful Christmas Carol Service to their parents at St. John's Church in Epping. This was a wonderful venue for their "Christmas Praise" which was a mix of songs, carols and music. Again, well done to the children for their excellent performances and to all the junior teaching staff for producing such a fitting festive presentation.

Thank you to everyone for your kind donations at our Christmas concerts. The retiring collections totalled £454.68 which is being donated to St. Clare Hospice. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Thank you to all our parents who joined us at our final Christmas assembly. Well done to all the children who received their 100% attendance certificates – they have managed to dodge the seasonal bugs and not miss a moment of their schooling for this term. Congratulations to all the children in Oak House who are the overall winners of the Coopersale Hall School House cup for this term which is now proudly sporting their green ribbons.

Well done also to the children who have been voted Scientist of the Week by Mrs. Carter as follows.

Year 1 Allen	Lily O'Sullivan
Year 1 Daly	Arabella Duffy
Year 1 Davis	Luca Rungasamy
Year 2 Bragg	Osei Baffour-Awuah
Year 2 Leeks	Jack Wilson
Year 3 Watson	Mollie Downes & Mollie-Mae Fletcher
Year 4 Wheeler	Megan Epstein-Knights
Year 5 Lane	Not awarded
Year 6 Watson	Megan Patterson

Whilst we are on our Christmas break, may we remind you to look after the Marie Curie daffodil bulbs that the children are nurturing over the winter. You may wish to bring the bulbs indoors if you have not already done so. Once again, may we wish all our families a very Happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.



A Christmas Tale

Children in Year 4 Wheeler have been writing their own Christmas stories and they kindly read their finished tales to the children in Year 1 Allen. The younger children were enthralled and later related the stories to their teacher and told her all about them. The following is the story written by Madalena Kayani

Santa's Christmas Disaster

One beautiful night on Christmas Eve in Lapland, Santa was having his last hope cookie. He needed hope because it was Christmas and he had to deliver all the presents and he was nervous. He had never made a single mistake in his life and he didn't want to make one this year! Santa was pacing all around but suddenly a messenger elf came. He screamed "A REINDEER IS ILL!" With a big big breath he shouted "AND RUDOLPH HAS ..." he paused then carried on "WELL HIS NOSE HAS LOST ITS GLOW!"

Santa was afraid he couldn't do Christmas now. "What am I going to do?" said Santa. He thought he was going to cry. Santa said maybe because there are so many good children they could help him. Santa had whispered something special into every child's ear and at 12.00 o'clock they would all at the same time think of that word. Suddenly Santa said the word was "reindeer" and all the ill reindeer were ok. And Santa was in every special book.

Well done to Madalena for writing such an interesting story.



And Finally ... Jingle All The Way! (By Monsieur Goodman)

Voilà! C'est Noël! Year 1 Allen have been getting into the spirit with a French Christmas Carol. You can join in too! (It's sung to the tune of Jingle Bells.)

Tintez cloches, Tintez cloches, Tintez dans la nuit.

Père Noël et ses grands daims, Arrivent au fond du train Oh !

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Le miracle recommence Rêve de tous petits.



Joyeux Noël

Feliz Navidad

Fröhe Weihnachten