



Dear Parents,

21st December 2018

RECEPTION NATIVITY: On Tuesday the Reception children performed their Nativity. It was wonderful; the children looked fantastic in their costumes and performed all the song and dance routines brilliantly. Many parents commented how lovely it was for the children to be accompanied by live music- well done Mrs Spearman and Mrs Fowler who played the piano and the flute respectively. My thanks go to the Reception team for working so hard with the children and to the PTA for running the coffee bar and the raffle.

NURSERY NATIVITY: On Wednesday morning the 'aah' factor was in abundance as our youngest children took to the stage – our nursery pupils. Their costumes were excellent, and they acted out the Nativity story very well indeed. There were some funny impromptu moments – one child attempting a solo and a mass exodus from the stage! My thanks go to the Nursery team for all their hard work with the children and to the PTA for running the coffee bar and the raffle.

KS1 NATIVITY: On Wednesday morning Isaac W, Maisy M, Max A, Molly JL, Cassidy M, George C, Megan N and Harry D had the pleasure of entertaining the residents at Wyndham Care Home. They performed all their songs from the Nativity and acted out the Christmas story beautifully. There wasn't a dry eye in the house when Mary sang! The children really enjoyed spreading the festive cheer. Mrs M. Ward, Assistant Head

HEADTEACHER'S AFTERNOON TEA: I had a delightful afternoon when I was joined by 14 'outstanding' pupils, as nominated by their teachers, for tea on Monday. The children were perfectly behaved and enjoyed the delicious spread that had been prepared for us by Mrs Blythe. The conversation ranged from Christmas traditions in their homes, where they would be eating their Christmas dinner, what they are hoping to get for Christmas, who should have won Strictly (!) to what their favourite Christmas song was. I was astonished when all of them could sing Wham's 'Last Christmas' – they knew every word! My thanks go to Mrs Blythe for looking after us so well. My guests were: Noah H, Sam H, Ellie M, Tyler H, Sophie F, Lilly-Rose C, Leia L, Esme S, Bailee H, Jessica S, Olivia B, Abigail C, Ruby M, Liam B.

CHRISTMAS DINNER: Yesterday Sue, our talented cook, prepared a Christmas feast for 350. It was delicious; we had turkey and all the trimmings followed by an ice cream tree for pudding. A huge well done goes to Sue and her assistants, Liz and Amy, for such a scrumptious lunch. My thanks also go to Mrs Hobbs and Mrs Jordan for supervising such a large crowd so well.

DANCING: On Thursday afternoon, Year 6 went down to the Methodist Church. The children performed The Waltz and The Jive fantastically for the older members of our community at the Forget Me Not session. The children really enjoyed performing their dances and the members of the community were very moved by the dancing. They shared their stories of when they used to attend Tea Dances and used to Jive and Waltz in their courting days. Members of the community were so impressed with the Year 6's behaviour and a number commented to staff on how 'we had made their day'. It was a wonderful experience for all and we hope to continue to visit this session throughout the year. What a credit the Year 6s are to King's Meadow School! Miss L. Golden Year 6 Teacher

CAROL CONCERT: We had a wonderful concert in church this morning. The children sang beautifully, and the readers read with clarity. Mr Ely's talk involved telling the Christmas Story through the contents of a gigantic cracker and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. The Flash Mob rendition of 'Rocking Around the Christmas Tree' by the staff surprised and entertained the entire congregation. I would like to thank Mrs Spearman for organising the carol concert for us.

PTA NEWS: We are delighted to announce that this term the PTA have raised over £4,700 to go towards the new all-weather running track! When added to the £4,000 we had remaining from last year, we are well over half way towards our target of £15,000. Next term the fundraising will continue with more fun events planned including the children's disco, parent's comedy night and Easter tea shop to look forward to. Dates for all the spring term events will be sent home after Christmas. Thank you for your continued support, all money raised goes towards providing extra resources for our children. Lucy Lawrence, chair of the PTA

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS: Christmas is 'the most wonderful time of the year' as the song goes, but when you work in a primary school it becomes truly magical. It is an honour to spend the lead up to Christmas with the children and their excitement is infectious. It is such a busy time in school, but it is also the happiest. We have had a jam-packed December with a pantomime visit, Nativities, parties, visits to the elderly, visits from Santa Claus and much, much more. I would like to thank my staff for working so hard to make Christmas so special at Kings Meadow – they are such a talented team who always go the extra mile. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in January. School will reopen on Monday 7th January.

Happy Holidays!



Mrs L Daulton
Headteacher