

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Christmas countdown has begun! The tree is up, the Advent Fayre is only a day away and on Tuesday after school the FOLS hosted a Christmas Tree Table Decoration making session. The children had a lovely time and the final results were beautiful (see photo below). Many thanks to Mr & Mrs Tucker for leading the session and providing all of the decorations, to the FOLS and parents for helping out and to the children who behaved impeccably and helped each other. The event raised £80 for the 'FOLS Pot'.

The Christmas play rehearsals are well under way. The staff and children have been working really hard and this year we've got Aliens, Angels, Tinsel, Tea Towels and of course, Mary & Joseph. This is a very special time of year for our school as we build up to the celebration of the birth of Jesus. We look forward to seeing you at the performances and have got the tissues ready for your proud parent moment!

The travelling crib was welcomed into school on Monday and has now started its journey before returning to St Leonard's church on Christmas Eve. Thank you to everyone who offered a place to stay for Mary, Joseph and the Donkey. We had a greater response than dates available so unfortunately we have not been able to give everyone a date. Those that have been allocated a date have been emailed.

The children have been busy this week making and decorating Christmas items to sell at the Advent Fayre. Please do come along to support the children and FOLS. This year they have bought 5 new iPads, paid £5 per pupil towards the pantomime tickets and are making a donation towards the coach for the Isle of Wight residential taking place next July. They are also looking at buying a new whole school reading scheme.

Over the next few days emails will be sent out via Parentmail with the finer details about the events taking place over the next 2 weeks. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

The FOLS are still looking for cake donations and help with setting up the fayre and tidying up afterwards. If you are able to help, please contact the school office.



Kind Regards

Neil Aiken

On Wednesday 4 KS2 pupils took part in the interschools Goalball competition at Southfields School. The children played well and with great team spirit. The competition was tough and we finished in 6th place.

We currently have 2 woodwind places available for Year 2 upwards. If your child would like to learn to play an instrument then please contact the school office. The lessons are delivered in school by the Northamptonshire Music & Performing Arts Trust staff at a cost of £60 per full academic term (Sept, Jan & April). Year 2 start on the recorder. Year 3 up can play the flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon or saxophone.



LAST MUSIC LESSONS FOR THIS TERM:

Brass - Monday 10th

Guitar - Wednesday 12th

Woodwind - Wednesday 12th.

Lessons resume w/c 7th January

Thank you to everyone who supported the Royal British Legion buy buying a poppy or other merchandise from the school council. We collected an amazing £193.10

Extra Curricular Clubs

Football and Rugby club have now finished.

The last Singing club session for this year was on Monday 3rd December.

Unfortunately, due to other commitments, Mrs Humphreys is no longer able to continue with singing club. We are currently looking to make alternative arrangements so that the club can continue in the New Year.

Dates for your diary:

7th Dec - Advent Fayre

11th Dec - KS1 Xmas Play

12th Dec - KS1 Xmas Play

12th Dec - KS2 Xmas Play

13th Dec - Aladdin Panto

14th Dec - Xmas Jumper Day

17th Dec - Xmas Party Afternoon

18th Dec - Xmas Lunch

19th Dec - Church Service 2pm

19th Dec - School closes for the Xmas holidays

3rd January 2019 - Staff Training Day

4th January - Staff Training Day

7th January - School open to pupils