



Dear Parents and Carers

This week we've had quite a bit going on in the lead up to our Christmas festivities. On Tuesday morning we were treated to a musical assembly by Beech class recorder players who got the day off to a swing with a number of popular tunes before finishing with the festive 'Jingle Bells'. More musical activities have gone on today with the choir visiting Hadley Lawns to sing carols to the residents there. Ms Stanton tells me that a number of the residents were tapping their toes along to Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and were joining in with the singing.

On Thursday we visited church for our Advent Service where the children found out about the significance of Advent from Father Thomas and Adele. In the afternoon, some Year 10 pupils from Mount House School visited Oak class to carry out PE activities based around football and netball skills. These girls will be returning to work with the children after Christmas for a five week schedule of activities as part of their GCSE programme of study.

Both staff and parents have been busy this week preparing the school. On Wednesday the staff decorated their classrooms and put up displays in the Hall and tonight the parents have done a fantastic job of setting up the classrooms for our Christmas Fayre on Sunday.

This week we've also welcomed two new members of staff who will be joining us after Christmas. Some of you will already know that Mrs Dillon will be leaving at the end of term and we thank her for teaching Willow class during this term. In the new year, Willow class will be taken by Mrs Giddings who is a part-time teacher at the school already and Mrs Dickinson who came in today to meet the children and some parents. She will also be here next Thursday afternoon for our Infant Nativity and so Willow parents will be able to meet her at pick up then. Mrs Mylonas came in on Wednesday and she will join Mrs Scott in the office after Christmas as our new Office Assistant.

Miss Froud

Dates for the Diary

All things theatrical and festive will carry on next week with:

Christmas Fayre on Sunday (12.00-3.00pm)

Infant Nativity on Wednesday (9.15am) and Thursday (2.00pm)

Music Assembly on Friday (9.00-9.20am)

Choir carol singing at Barnet Hospital on Friday morning

Infant disco on Friday (3.30-4.30pm) and Juniors (5.00-6.00pm) at Hadley Wood Hall

Please note the Carol & Christingle Service for Juniors at St Mary the Virgin Church is on Monday (7.00pm)

Reading Lists

Recommended reading lists went out today, if you didn't receive a copy, please let your class teacher know.

Coats

Some children are coming to school only with a fleece as an outer garment. Now that the temperature has dropped, children should come to school in a winter coat as they are outside for a substantial amount of time at lunchtime.

Christmas Fayre

We're looking forward to seeing you on Sunday 10th December between 12.00-3.00pm for the Christmas Fayre.

Star Pupils

Willow - Violet
Chestnut - Olivia
Beech - Leo
Cedar - Greta
Oak - Evie

