MONKEN HADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Seek what is good, treasure what is true, do what is right

This month's value is Joy

Dear Families,

What a busy two weeks it has been, and we are now completely wrapped up in the Christmas magic in one shape or another. Nativity rehearsals are in full swing, with our Dress Rehearsal for the whole school on Monday, followed by the morning and afternoon performances for Infant families to attend. It should be an absolute delight.

A huge thank you to our wonderful staff who have decorated the school so beautifully. With carols playing, mince pies and a little mulled wine, the team stayed late to transform the school and it truly does look magical. Thank you team – you are remarkable.

Last week Cedar Class enjoyed a fabulous trip to the British Museum linked to their Ancient Greece topic. I asked the children all about their visit and they were full of excitement. They told me they looked at many different artefacts and took part in a wonderful workshop all about ancient objects. They learned about Athens and how it was named after Athena, the Goddess of War. My favourite comment was from Alex, who said, "It was incredible!" Thank you to staff and parents for making the trip possible.

This week our choir sang at The Spires, raising money for Cherry Lodge Cancer Charity. They were incredible and kicked off our choir season in style with some beautiful carols. We raised an amazing **£170** for the charity. Next week they will be singing at Barnet Hospital, raising money to support children and families who may be in hospital for longer periods of time, especially over the Christmas period. Finally, Oak class performed a wonderful clarinet concert this week after just 10 weeks of instruction! Well done Oak.

At our Nativity and Carol Services next week we will be collecting on behalf of the hospital. We hope to make a real difference to children and families during what can be a very difficult time. Please bring cash for the collections, as many of us rely on tap and go these days and often don't carry any!

Next Tuesday we are off to church for our Advent Service and Eucharist. Junior parents please complete the form sent by the office only if your child has taken Eucharist before and wishes to take it again during the service. Families are warmly welcome to join us.

And finally, the Christmas Fair is tomorrow. I cannot wait to see you all there – lots to do, eat, buy and enjoy as we come together in festive cheer. There will even be a super raffle AND carol singing!

Ms. Eyres

Stars of the Week

Cedar Class at The British Museum

Let's go Caroling!