

Sapphire Newsletter - week ending 8th December 2017

Thank you for the super Home Learning responses last week. We were so impressed with the Advent Calendars that the children completed at home.



This has been a busy and very enjoyable week for Sapphire Class. Particular highlights have been:

- Circle of Light
- School Christmas Dinner
- Pantomime
- PTA Gift Sale

We have been very proud of the children's engagement during these events. Thank you once again for your generous donations. It was good to see so many parents at the Circle of Light.

Despite the busy week, the children have continued their learning through adult-directed input in phonics, mathematics and cross curricular activities.

There has been great excitement this week about the 'Winter Wonderland' that appeared in our outdoor area. It has been super to see the fun that the children have had and the learning that has taken place as they have played and explored the various activities, for example:

- creating a train to see Santa and doing various 'jobs' on the train
- making toys in Santa's workshop
- preparing, selling and serving food in the Christmas cafe
- setting up their stalls in the Christmas market
- engaging with their peers in role play in the Bethlehem stable
- singing and dancing in the Pantomime

We are looking forward to even more super times in the outdoor area before the end of term. Word has spread through the school and staff and other pupils have come along to take a look! We would like to thank Mrs. Clements for giving up so much of her time, with such enthusiasm, to create this wonderful experience for the children.



Thank you also to Mrs. Brockwell for continuing to enhance the indoor areas with Christmas displays and lights.

Just a reminder that Nativity Play performances are next week, Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th December, at 2 pm. After you have attended the Nativity Play and once the children are changed back into their school uniform, you are welcome to come in to view our Christmas classroom.

Home Learning - see Home Learning Books for this week's focus connected with the theme of Christmas stories. Thank you to Mrs. Longhurst for her recent donation of books including Christmas stories that the children are already enjoying.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

The staff of Sapphire Class