Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

After nine school productions, parties for 265 children and carol singing at Poynder's Meadow, I am sure that everyone is ready for the Christmas holiday. It has been an absolute pleasure to share these events, and so many others through the term, with your children. As ever, they have proved to be real team players – stepping into singing, dancing and acting roles at the last minute, to cover children who are unwell and generally helping in any way needed. They have been a credit to you.

Thank you for your amazing support throughout the term – we really appreciate it. Thank you too, for your lovely comments following the plays, for supporting the many raffles, and for all your kind Christmas messages. We wish you a very happy and relaxing Christmas and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 7th January, at 8.55 a.m.

PTFA

The PTFA have continued to work tirelessly to provide 'extras' for the children, and have not only paid for the fantastic new climbing frame, but also the coaches for the pantomime. Thank you to everyone who has supported the events, through helping at them, to attending.

The first meeting of 2020 will be held on Wednesday 8th January, at 7.30 p.m. in the staffroom, and the next event will be the PTFA Big Breakfast on Friday 17th January at 8.30 a.m. Any offers of help will be welcomed!

Mrs Chemel and Mrs Blackwell

After a long and harmonious working relationship, we have to say 'Au revoir' to Mrs Chemel and Mrs Blackwell. Mrs Blackwell has been a fantastic member of our school team for over six years, and she will be much missed by us all, as she steps back from this role to enjoy a more flexible semi retirement!

After 'borrowing' Mrs Chemel from her native France, we now have to give her back! Mrs Chemel will be returning to France to take over the running of her family farm. Starting as a parent helper, when the family moved to Codicote, it was not long before she was part of our staff team, working as a 326 leader, as a teaching assistant, as the senior midday supervisor and as the Year 3 French teacher. She will be greatly missed – not just for her versatility, work and friendship as part of Team Codicote, but also for her beautiful accent!

We wish both Mrs Chemel and Mrs Blackwell every happiness for the future.

Carol Service

On Sunday 22nd December, there will be a Carol Service at St. Giles, starting at 6 p.m. Thank you to the Choir members who are able to come along. Philip warmly invites all families and friends to the service.

Raffle Prizes

Thank you for your support at our recent plays; as well as being excellent audiences, you were great raffle ticket buyers! The winning numbers are as follows: 151, 351, 43, 360, 254, 308, 227 & 348. Prizes are available from the School Office. Good luck!

School Christmas Lunch

Thank you very much to Mrs Martin and her amazing team of staff for a delicious Christmas Dinner, and to the kind parents and grandparents who helped to look after the children in order to allow the staff to eat together. We are very grateful.

Year 5 & 6 Hockey

After Christmas, the children in Years 5 & 6 will be playing hockey during their games lessons. Please could they bring in shin pads, to protect their legs? Do not hesitate to contact us, if providing these will be an issue for you.

Christmas Tree Festival

I am delighted to report that we were awarded 2nd place in the Hitchin Christmas Tree Festival with our 'Nativi-tree' tree. Thank you to everyone who went along to see it!

Christmas Cards and foil cases

The Eco team would be grateful for donations of old Christmas cards, which they plan to re-cycle, and the foil cases from mince pies/jam tarts, which we are going to use for our Christmas Tree Festival entry next year. Please either send into the office, or to the Year 2 classroom.

Please remember that I am always happy to discuss any issues with you. Thank you for reading this newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

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HEADTEACHER