

# Newsletter



Newsletter 8

20<sup>th</sup> December, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,



I cannot believe that we are at the end of another term – the weeks seem to have flown past, and the children can feel proud of all they have achieved! The School Plays and Carol Service were outstanding, and the standard of singing, dancing and acting has been quite exceptional – it has been lovely to share these events with you and your families, and I hope the pain of small plastic chairs has been balanced by the pleasure the children have brought.

There are a huge number of ‘Thank You’s in this newsletter, which reflects my gratitude to so many people. There will be a small prize for the first person to tell me how many there are!



## Panto

Thank you for your support for the Pantomime visit. It was wonderful, and we had a fantastic time, singing, cheering and dancing with our usual enthusiasm. We are really grateful to the PTFA for sponsoring the coaches for this event, and to everyone who has supported the events, as well as your contributions. As ever, the children’s behaviour was excellent, and it was lovely to both watch the pantomime, and to feel so proud of being a member of Codicote School!



## Christmas Lunch

Thank you to Mrs Martin, Mrs McKenzie, Ms Comman and Ms Leen, for the delicious Christmas lunch they prepared for us. Thank you too, to the kind parents, grandparents and mums of staff, who came in to help to look after the children, so that staff could eat together.



## PTFA: Next Meeting & Event

The next PTFA meeting will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, at 7.00pm, in the staffroom. All parents and friends are welcome to attend. The next event will be the Big Breakfast on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January, from 8.20 a.m.



### **Reception Places**

The deadline for submitting an application for a Reception place is 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2024; if you have any queries regarding this, or need any support in making your application, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Martin or me, and we will be happy to help you.



### **Christmas Tree Festival**

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Christmas Tree Festival. The children's singing was outstanding, and I was very pleased to receive a number of compliments from visitors to the church. Our tree was judged in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, in the primary school category. Thank you to Mrs Foster for teaching the choir so well.

Thank you too, to Miss Grainger for coordinating the making of the decorations, and for decorating the tree with me.



### **And finally....**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support, kind words and encouragement – throughout the year, and at the various events we have held recently. I would also like to thank the staff, who show tremendous commitment to the school, and give so generously of their own time to provide our children with a fantastic range of opportunities and activities – including, of course, the recent series of shows!

Lastly, I would like to recognise the hard work of three groups of volunteers:

- Our helpers – our parent and grandparent helpers provide so much additional support for the children, and enable us to embark on lots of creative and exciting projects
- Our Governors – who do an invaluable job overseeing the work of the school with keen interest and insight, bringing their individual skills and experience, expertly chaired by Debbie Williamson.
- The PTFA who have raised so much money to provide additional opportunities and resources for our children. All of these are volunteers, and we are fortunate to have them. Charlie Unwin works tirelessly as chair, leading the hardworking team of parents, grandparents and staff.

As always, it has been an absolute pleasure to spend the year with your wonderful children – I hope that you all have a very happy and harmonious Christmas.

I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Please remember that I am always happy to discuss any issues with you.

Thank you for reading this newsletter.

Liz Pollard

HEADTEACHER



### Community News

There are a series of services at St.Giles over Christmas, including:

Christmas Eve: A Crib Service at 4.00 p.m and Midnight Communion at 11.00 p.m.

Christmas Day: Holy Communion at 9.30. a.m.

Everyone is very welcome!

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# Christmas Services

**Christmas Eve**  
Crib Service 4pm  
Midnight Communion 11pm

**Christmas Day**  
Holy Communion 9:30am