



St Ethelwold's V.A. Primary School Newsletter

'Be The Best You Can'

13th December 2019

Good afternoon and welcome to the penultimate St Ethelwold's VA School newsletter of 2019.

The pupils and staff all enjoyed the most magnificent Christmas Lunch on Wednesday, courtesy of Mrs Murray and her kitchen team. All staff were on hand in the dining hall to serve the children with their roast turkey followed by ice cream. At the end of lunch, Ella Grey from Year 5 gave heartfelt thanks to Mrs Murray, not only for Christmas lunch but for all the amazing lunches she cooks before the other children joined in with a rousing and wee-deserved three cheers.

We were visited on Wednesday morning by our Maths Advisor who came to have a look at our planning and teaching of maths and also our application of numeracy skills through other subjects. It is no exaggeration to say that she was delighted with what she saw and I would like to take this public opportunity to thank every member of staff who all continue to go the extra mile for you children.

The Nativity on Thursday was a rip-roaring success. The pupils learned their parts, they spoke very clearly indeed and they sang their hearts out beautifully to the songs and hymns (Georgi Kolev deserves special praise at this juncture for his exceptionally enthusiastic singing!). Some of our more mischievous parents (mentioning no names Mrs Salt) tried their level best to make their children giggle and despite a few strangled laughs escaping, the pupils performed incredibly well. Finally, a mention must go to Lily-may Forster for her interesting interpretation of the virgin birth. This was improvisation at its finest and despite Mr Griffith nearly keeling over when he saw it; I think we all agreed that it did nothing but add to the occasion. I must also mention Mr Griffith and Mrs Blackburn for leading the rehearsals and ensuring that the pupils were clear and had fun. Thank you both – we owe you a huge debt of gratitude.

Next week sees us planting trees on Tuesday as well as the magical experience of delivering cards and present to the local community of pensioners. On Wednesday and Thursday we have parties before breaking up for the Christmas holidays next Friday.

We hope that you have a fabulous weekend and we will see you for the final week of the term on Monday morning.

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Mr Oliver

Siaradwr Cymraeg– Welsh Speaker

Class 1– Riley Davison

Class 2– Daniel Duffield

Class 3– Vanessa Ignaszak

Class 4– Ella Grey



Special Mentions/ Cyfeiriadau Arbennig

Class 1– Jade Duffield

Class 2– Elena Morris & Ryan Ewart

Class 3– Kuba Bolda & Owen Harder

Class 4– Jacob Dunn & Lexus Beacher

WELLDONE!

Attendance/ Presenoldeb

This week's class with the best attendance is Class 3 with 94.1%. Whole school attendance is 89%.

Diary Dates/ Dyddiadur

17th December– Delivery of Cards and Gifts to the local community

17th December– Tree Planting @ 10.30am

18th December– Junior Christmas party

19th December– Foundation Phase Christmas Party

20th December– 3.15pm School closes for Christmas holidays

6th January– School closed– INSET day

7th January– School reopens

16th January- Primary Maths Quiz

23rd January– Fluoride Varnish



Can you spare us an hour on Tuesday 17th December?

We are hoping to make a good start on planting our new trees so if you can lend a hand please come along and join in. Mrs Murray's delicious soup will be there to warm you up afterwards.

Prayer/ Gweddi

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love.

Amen.